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Move to distance Jordan from West Bank

Hussein dissolves lower house of Parliament

AMMAN, July 30. (Reuters): King Hussein today dissolved Jordan's lower house of Parliament, half of whose deputies sit for constituencies in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The official news agency Petra said the king issued a decree dissolving the 60-member house with effect from July 30. Petra did not say whether the royally-appointed upper house or Senate would also be dissolved.

The move was seen as another step to distance Jordan from the West Bank, which it lost to Israel in 1967, after the cancellation on Thursday of Jordan's West Bank development plan.

Petra said King Hussein would broadcast an address to the nation on radio and television tomorrow evening. It gave no details.

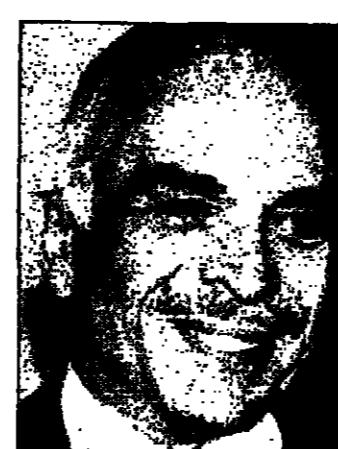
A cabinet statement announcing abandonment of Jordan's 1986 plan to spend \$1.3 billion on the occupied lands said the aim was to "enable the PLO to shoulder its full responsibilities and remove any doubt concerning Jordan's position."

Expected

A senior Jordanian official said further measures might follow discussions with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, expected to visit Amman this week.

"It seemed the West Bank programme was one objection to Jordan's policy which the PLO had on its list," the official said. "If Mr Arafat has others we will consider them."

The cabinet statement said the new measures would end criticism that Jordan sought to exercise a condominium with Israel



King Hussein

over the West Bank or to undercut the PLO's role there.

The future of the lower house of Parliament, a symbol of Jordan's claim to sovereignty in the

West Bank, had been uncertain since King Hussein declared several months ago that the PLO should take responsibility for the occupied lands.

Relations between Jordan and the PLO have been strained since Feb 1986 when King Hussein suspended an accord on how the two sides might attend Middle East peace talks together.

Rebuffed

The PLO, strengthened by the eight-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule, has rebuffed the idea of a joint PLO-Jordan delegation at an international peace parley.

In March a leaflet purporting to come from the leaders of the Palestinian uprising, but later disown by the PLO, ordered West Bank deputies to resign from the Jordanian Parliament.

Parliament, in summer recess when today's decision was announced, was recalled by King Hussein in 1984 after a 10-year lapse.

The king first dissolved the Parliament in 1974 after an Arab League summit in Rabat officially named the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

He ruled from 1978 to 1984 with an appointed consultative council.

Jordan had consulted a number of Arab countries before deciding to scrap the development programme, according to a leading UAE newspaper.

Petra said the king sent letters to heads of 21 member Arab League and to leaders of the five permanent UN Security Council members explaining Jordan's steps to lower its profile in the West Bank.



Thatcher meets Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa in Manama, Bahrain. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Ceasefire in Gulf not enough'

Thatcher calls for comprehensive peace

MANAMA, Bahrain, July 30. (Agencies): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressing strong satisfaction over Iran's acceptance of a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, said today that Britain was prepared to call for a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council to help bring peace to the region.

Thatcher said she was confident UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was asked about an impasse and replied: "We have not created any impasse."

Binding

He said the Iranian side would return for further talks with Perez de Cuellar on Monday.

Mahallati told the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) that the United Nations should set a date for a ceasefire even if Iraq did not agree to it.

The ceasefire would be binding on both sides and if Iraq ignored it, the Security Council would be duty bound to take punitive measures, Mahallati said.

Perez de Cuellar told reporters today that Iraq's reiteration of its position was "only normal."

"I will maintain the pressure on all sides in order to obtain a quick way out of the present

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Abu Ghazala holds talks in Iraq

INTERNATIONAL

Police defuse bomb in Pretoria theatre

57 hurt in S. African blast

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 30. (Agencies): At least 57 people were injured, seven critically, when a bomb exploded today at a busy shopping plaza, police said.

The blast occurred about noon (1000 GMT) at the main shopping centre in Benoni, a town about 12 miles (20 kilometres) east of Johannesburg, police said.

Police initially said one person was killed, but spokesman Lieut. Willem Meyer said later that no deaths had been confirmed. He said the seven people in critical condition had been taken to Johannesburg hospital.

Wrecked
Police declined to give additional details. However, the South African Press Association, citing unidentified witnesses, said the explosion took place at a fast-food restaurant in the plaza.

The plaza generally is packed with shoppers on Saturdays.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

The blast about noon wrecked the restaurant, splintering chairs

and tables and strewn wreckage, handbags, shoes and glass shards through a section of the plaza.

Police officer Chris Croucamp, shopping with his 8-month-pregnant wife Kim, was 25 feet (8 metres) from the restaurant when the bomb detonated, he said.

"I saw one man running from the wimpy with his hair on fire, and people were lying all over the place," Croucamp said. He took his shocked wife to a nearby hospital.

Attacks

There have been more than 90 bombings in South Africa during the 25-month-old state-of-emergency. Police have blamed virtually all of the attacks on the African National Congress, the banned main black guerrilla group attempting to overthrow the white-led government.

In related developments, one person was slightly injured this morning when a suspected limpet mine exploded at a bus stop in Germiston, a town about nine miles (15 kilometres) southeast of Johannesburg. There was no

claim of responsibility.

In Pretoria, police discovered an explosive device at a theater complex. Police cordoned off the area and bomb experts defused the device, police said.

Banned

The Metro Theatre had been one of more than 30 movie houses nationwide that had begun showing the controversial move "Cry Freedom" on Friday when it was banned just a few hours after it premiered.

The film is based on two books by Donald Woods, a white newspaper editor who befriended black leader Steve Biko and fled the country after Biko's death in detention.

Information Minister Stoffel Botha said the government ordered the last-minute banning to prevent the film touching off racial violence.

The government-appointed publications appeal board, the nation's highest censorship panel, approved the film for half an hour before the first screenings.

Warnings of possible bombs at cinemas showing the movie were

telephoned to newspapers and news agencies by anonymous callers claiming allegiance to Black Consciousness founder Steve Biko, whose death in police detention in 1977 is a central theme of Cry Freedom.

Unrest

In other violence, seven blacks were killed in five separate attacks in Natal province and the Soweto township outside Johannesburg, police said in their daily unrest report.

One black man was fatally stabbed and three seriously injured when they were attacked by black students in Soweto, the police statement said.

In Natal, the site of ongoing black-on-black faction fighting, three men were stabbed to death when a group of blacks attacked a private home, police said.

In two other incidents, a group of blacks stabbed a woman to death and a private vehicle was set afire, killing the only occupant, the unrest report said.

The sketchy police unrest statement covers incidents reported during the previous 24 hours, but gives few details.



Protesters wave the Slovenian flag and posters to greet four Slovenes leaving court after they were sentenced for leaking Army secrets. (Reuter wirephoto)

Yugoslav leaders fail to end ethnic strife in Kosovo

BELGRADE, July 30. (Reuter): A marathon meeting of Yugoslavia's Communist Party leaders ended in disarray today after degenerating overnight into a slanging match between leaders of the biggest republic Serbia, its autonomous provinces Kosovo and Vojvodina, and the Croatian Republic.

The 21-hour plenum of the party's Central Committee failed to heal a rift at the top level and heard a warning from former party leader Vidoje Zarkovic that Yugoslavia was heading for the sort of turmoil which China experienced in its 1960s cultural revolution.

Zarkovic has encouraged recent Serbian street protests in Vojvodina to pressure reluctant leaders in the province to accept his plans, and thus boost his chances of controlling Kosovo.

This move unleashed an angry public quarrel between the Serbian, Vojvodinian and Kosovar party branches. Milosevic has shown that thousands of Serbs can be mobilised in further protests but he held back plans for a 50,000-strong protest which Serbian activists originally threatened to coincide with the plenum.

As the debate grew heated, Zarkovic said: "We are now in a situation similar to the cultural revolution in China, in which anybody can attack anybody unpunished."

"A real political war has flared

up between the leaderships of Serbia and Vojvodina. We have not had such a example in the history of our party," he added.

"We must find out who is responsible for the eruption of the conflict."

Zarkovic suggested setting up a working group to determine who was responsible for starting the conflict.

His proposal was accepted by party leader Stipe Suvor, a Croatian, who is the first amid equal in Yugoslavia's collective party leadership.

The plenum set up a nine-member working group to probe the conflict among central Committee members and identify those responsible for planting "islanders and lies."

Its members — one from each of Yugoslavia's six republics and the two autonomous provinces and one from the Army — were relatively unknown younger politicians who have kept out of the squabbling.

Suvor said: "Kosovo is the weakest and potentially most explosive link in our country. The battle for Kosovo and in Kosovo is the battle for Yugoslavia."

Bombs dropped

HAKKARI, Turkey, July 30. (Reuter): Two unidentified planes dropped at least 13 bombs near a Turkish village about 15 km (10 miles) from the Iran-Iraq border, witnesses in the area said today.

They said no casualties were reported in the incident yesterday morning, which terrified residents of the village of Ugozze in the southeastern province of Hakkari.

The bombs fell in an open space about two km from Ugozze's cluster of mudbrick homes, the witnesses said, adding that the aircraft appeared to have come from the direction of Iran.

Neither Foreign Ministry nor Hakkari provincial authorities were available for comment today.

The bombing was the most serious border incident since a lone Iranian plane dropped two bombs near a Turkish-Iraqi border crossing in Habur last March, narrowly missing a Turkish village.

Iraqis see victory in humiliation of Khomeini

BAGHDAD, July 30. (AP): Iraqi officials say their greatest achievement in the war against Iran is in preventing Ayatollah Khomeini from exporting Iran's Islamic revolution throughout the Arab world.

Diplomats in Baghdad say the war also helped unite Iraq and make it a more efficient nation which will be better able to use its vast oil resources in the future, despite the tremendous debt and losses suffered in the eight-year-old war.

The Iraqis clearly view the humiliation of the Iranian leader as the main benefit of the war, which killed an estimated one million Iranians and Iraqis.

"Nobody would imagine that Khomeini would humiliate himself" by accepting the ceasefire he had long opposed, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Landslides
ISLAMABAD, July 30. (Reuter): Landslides and lightning have killed 38 people in a district of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province.

the Arab world but to humanity at large," Hussein said in the speech, which followed Iraqi victories that led to Iran's acceptance of a ceasefire resolution on July 18.

A senior Iraqi official called recent developments "a watershed" because Khomeini "accepted defeat" and "the notion of co-existence with a secular regime, of co-operation on political boundaries."

"By accepting this in a legal and political sense, it will be the end of a model" Khomeini hoped to spread throughout the region, the official said.

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Dukakis criticises Reagan's handling of Pentagon scandal

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, July 30. (AP): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis brought his campaign to this state in the generally conservative south today after criticising President Ronald Reagan's administration's handling of the Pentagon scandal.

Vice President George Bush, the certain Republican nominee, in turn challenged Dukakis' contention that the race is about competence rather than ideology.

Bush also planned to hit hard on the issues where Republicans consider Dukakis the weakest — foreign policy and defence — when he goes on the road next week, his campaign said.

going to use our defence dollars to line the pockets of Washington consultants. We're going to pay for the tanks and equipment and training the men and women our armed forces need and deserve.

Earlier, at a Wisconsin news conference, Dukakis said Bush's plan to give a \$1,000 tax credit to families who need day care was inferior to a Democratic-sponsored plan before the Congress.

"I don't know anyone who is serious about child care who thinks that makes sense," Dukakis said of the Bush plan.

Ideology
Dukakis, in a Friday appearance, said laissez-faire management by the Reagan Defence Department had contributed to the Pentagon procurement scandal.

"My friends, in a Dukakis administration we're not going to surrender our national security to greed and corruption," Dukakis said. "We're not

there right now."

"The Democrats had a good convention, but offered no specifics," Bush said. "My opponent's suggestion that ideology doesn't matter just masks over his far-left philosophy."

"He will keep discussing issues. And when the issues come in focus, the polls will start closing," campaign manager Lee Atwater said, referring to the 18-point lead Dukakis has had over Bush in polling since the Democratic national convention.

At the White House, meanwhile, presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater accused Dukakis of being "for a weaker defence," a contention that the Dukakis campaign quickly challenged.

Also on Friday, Reagan approved a 30-day extension of secret service protection for Jackson, at a cost Reagan estimated at \$600,000. Fitzwater said the extension addressed Jackson's concerns about threats against his life but would not last through the fall campaign.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Death toll rises

NEW DELHI, July 30. (AP): At least 12 more deaths from cholera and gastro-enteritis were reported today, bringing the death toll from water-borne disease to over 200 in the capital since the start of the month.

A city health official said the 12 deaths were reported from hospitals, where more than 4,500 people suffering from the disease have sought admission. New Delhi's top administrator resigned yesterday, apparently after he was pressured to do so for failing to contain the epidemic.

Military ranks

BEIJING, July 30. (API): China will restore a military rank system abolished by Mao Tse-Tung 23 years ago as part of his attempt to turn China into a classless society.

Reporting the development today, the official Xinhua news agency also said more than 100,000 scientists, teachers and other specialists who are now military officers will become civilians on Aug. 1, Army Day.

In another innovation, a ceremony was held today reviving the bestowing of medals on military veterans.

Greek election

ATHENS, July 30. (Reuter): The next general election in Greece will be held on June 18, 1989. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou announced late yesterday.

He gave the date at a meeting of the central committee of his Pasok party.

The last election was held in 1985 when Pasok won 46 per cent of the vote.

Wreckage of plane found

BEIRUT, July 30. (AP): The mainstream Shiite Amal militia said today fishermen have found the wreckage of a British warplane off south Lebanon's Mediterranean coast.

An Amal spokesman urged British authorities to send experts to the fisherman's coastal town of Sarafand to take delivery of the wreckage and parts of the pilot's skeleton found in the damaged cockpit.

The spokesman said the World War II warplane was found late yesterday near Sarafand, 37 miles (60 kilometres) south of Beirut.

He said the plane's wreckage was "stuck" in a fisherman's net about two miles (four kilometres) off the Sarafand coast.

Information

"The fisherman, Hassan Salim, didn't know what was the heavy object in his net. He called other fishermen to help him and it took them about five hours to bring the plane's wreckage to the surface," the spokesman added.

"Our experts are certain that it is the wreckage of a British warplane from World War II days," the spokesman added, without further elaboration on the maker or type.

Discord over direct talks delays truce

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situation," he said.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, the government reaffirmed its insistence on direct talks between Iran and Iraq as the first step in peace negotiations before a ceasefire.

Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hamadi said that Iraq is "keen to implement" the UN Security Council ceasefire resolution.

Measure

But he said Iraq favours enacting the measure "in its sequence and believes that direct negotiation is the sound beginning and shortest way to ensure complete and lasting peace."

Hamadi said Iraq's demand for direct talks was "not making preconditions but rather stating the obvious."

Meanwhile a team of UN true experts, headed by Lieutenant General Martin Vadset of Norway, started talks with Iraqi officials in Baghdad today on the issue of troop withdrawals and repatriation of prisoners of war.

The team, which arrived in Baghdad from Tehran yesterday is to report to the UN chief at the conclusion of their talks in Baghdad and Tehran.

In Dhaka, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Bangladesh will send a military delegation to help oversee peace between Iran and Iraq in the Gulf.

He said the United Nations had asked Dhaka to contribute to a truce team planned to monitor a ceasefire.

Pakistan has also expressed interest in sending observers to the Gulf.



Dukakis talks to reporters through a fence in Flint, Michigan, during a campaign tour. (Reuter wirephoto)

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INTERNATIONAL

Fire guts Cairo gold shops

CAIRO, July 29. (Reuter): Shopowners fled 37 gold and silver workshops in panic as explosions and fire gutted part of a 500-year-old building in Cairo's tourist resort.

Damage was estimated at \$50 million by the owners of the complex.

Police said the shops specialising in hand-engraved copper trays, leather souvenirs and jewellery were evacuated after the fire erupted on Thursday.

"A leaking cylinder exploded and 30 minutes later I heard another explosion followed by at least two more explosions...I ran away from the shop," said Nasser Ahmed, a 23-year-old silversmith.

Shop-owners at the complex known as Seldhar Khan later searched charred debris trying to salvage some of their valuables.

Police are still investigating the blaze which gutted the 37 workshops.



Egyptian policemen inspect the remains of a silver workshop in Cairo's famous tourist bazaar of Khan Al Khalili yesterday after a fire, apparently caused by a gas cylinder explosion, gutted the workshop and 36 others. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rare fossils destroyed

BEIJING, July 29. (Reuter): Tons of valuable fossils in Inner Mongolia have been dug up, smashed and sold by looters believing them to be medicinal "dragon bones," the Guangming Daily said today.

The newspaper said hundreds of peddlers and smugglers had descended on sites in Qingshuihe county to dig up animal and plant fossils which they ground to powder for sale as traditional Chinese medicine.

It said looters did severe damage to the sites, led by local government officials who issued "excavation permits" for 40 huan (\$1) apiece.

The traditional Chinese medicine trade also threatens some protected species, since the most highly prized medicines depend on rare ingredients such as deer antler, bear paw, or panda penis.

Thailand gets elected premier

BANGKOK, July 29. (Reuter): Former general and foreign minister Chatichai Choonhaven, now one of Thailand's top businessmen, said he would take over from Prem Tinusulanonda as prime minister.

Chatichai told reporters he was confident of creating a stable government out of a coalition of five parties which emerged as the strongest parliamentary group after a general election last Sunday.

He will be Thailand's first elected prime minister since 1976 when the leader of the Democratic Party, Seni Pramoj, was ousted in a military coup.

Chatichai, a stocky, greying man of 69, heads the wealthy Chart Thai Party. He was a deputy premier in the last govern-

ment of Prem, a former Army chief who served as a compromise choice for multi-party coalitions for the last eight years.

He was speaking at his home last night after consulting leaders of the other four parties — the Social Action Party, the Democrat Party, Rassadorn Party and the United Democratic Party.

"I am very confident this coalition can form a stable government," he said. He was due to formally submit his name as the candidate for prime minister to president of parliament today. It would be forwarded to the king for approval.

Chart Thai won 87 seats in the election and the coalition parties command 215 out of the total of 357 seats.

First anniversary of peace accord

11 die in Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO, July 29. (AP): Ten Sinhalese extremists and a soldier were killed and militants tortured on the first anniversary of an accord aimed at ending Tamil separatist violence, police said today.

Most shops, offices and businesses were closed in Colombo, the capital, and its suburbs. Police said people were afraid to open their businesses because of possible violence by Sinhalese radicals opposed to the Indian-brokered peace accord.

A 24-hour curfew went into effect this morning in the island's south after radical Sinhalese nationalists called for a general strike.

Residents in the northern city of Vavuniya said by telephone that Indian soldiers also declared curfews in some areas in the south.

island's north and east until Sunday morning to prevent attacks by Tamil rebels.

The peace accord is opposed both by Tamil rebels fighting for independence in the north and east of the island and by the Peoples Liberation Front, an extremist group from the island's majority Sinhalese community which believes the pact makes too many concessions to the minority. The Tamils say it does not meet their demands for independence.

Ten men were killed by police in separate incidents in which Sinhalese extremists tried to attack government property, a police spokesman said. He said a Sinhalese Sri Lankan soldier was fatally shot in a battle with extremists in Hambantota district in the south.

In the island's north, nearly 50,000 Indian soldiers deployed under the peace accord were put on alert after Tamil rebels called for a demonstration to protest the peace pact.

On Thursday, 14 Sinhalese farmers were killed by Tamil rebels near Padaviya village, northeast of Colombo.

The peace accord, signed by India and Sri Lanka on July 29, 1987, calls for the government to grant limited autonomy to minority Tamils in exchange for the Tamils giving up their fight for a separate Tamil nation.

There has been speculation that Rahman would form a rival party. He declined comment.

Meanwhile, authorities closed one of the nation's six universities indefinitely following violent clashes between rival student political groups.

At least 10 students at Rajshahi University were injured Wednesday in the clashes and nearly 100 dormitory rooms were ransacked, police said. They said the students also set fire to furniture and books.

Witnesses said today the students staged their protest as crowds gathered at Burma's holiest pagoda for the start of a Buddhist religious festival.

The students demanded recognition of their union by the end of August but did not say what they might do if this were refused. There were no reports of police intervention.

Students have been in the vanguard of popular unrest across the country during the past five months. Diplomats say the unrest claimed the lives of more than 200 people and led to last week's resignation of Ne Win, who ruled with an iron hand for 26 years.

The Shwedagon pagoda, whose gold-clad spire dominates the Rangoon skyline, was briefly taken over by students during bloody riots in the capital in June.

Authorities reported on Thursday that police opened fire in the northern district of Myade, about 320 km north of Rangoon. They killed one man and injured five, after stone-throwing rioters rampaged through the streets.

Zia's claim inaccurate, says Yaqub Khan

Soviets not returning to Kabul

WASHINGTON, July 29. (Reuter): Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan recanted on Thursday his President's claim that Soviet troops were being sent back to Afghanistan.

Yaqub Khan, here for talks with US Secretary of State George Shultz to chart strategy during the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, also said that once Soviet troops leave Afghanistan "the chips can fall where they may."

Mistake

The two men met at the State Department for private talks after Yaqub Khan said claims by Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq last week that Moscow was reintroducing troops into Afghanistan were based on mistaken information.

Yaqub Khan, in an interview with the Washington Times, said: "The information given to our President was inaccurate and further verification showed that there has been no increase of

strength as had been indicated..."

He told reporters after meeting Shultz that the information, which came from a United Nations official, Benji Sevan, who had talks with Soviet officials in Kabul, was "a mistake" and the United States and Pakistan should now look beyond the Soviet withdrawal.

Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev had dismissed Zia's assertion as "pure slander" and US officials accepted Akhromeyev's word.

Afghan President Najibullah was quoted on Thursday as saying about half the Soviet troops in his country had already left under UN-mediated accords.

The official Bakhtar said he made the comment in remarks to a group of Afghan guerrillas visiting Kabul under government safe conduct guarantees to celebrate Eid Al Adha.

He told them there were no Soviet troops now in 19 of Afgh-

anistan's 31 provinces, Bakhtar said.

Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, quoted Najibullah as telling the group of 342 rebels the withdrawal was progressing "in conformity with the fixed time-frame."

"Around half of the Soviet forces have already returned to the Soviet Union" he said.

Rockets

Afghan rebels fired 18 rockets at the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad killing seven people and wounding six, the Soviet news agency Tass reported on Thursday.

Two women and three children were among the dead, it said.

In the past few days there were 18 shellings and raids in six Afghan provinces, including Kabul province, the report said.

Some people had been killed and others wounded, the report added. No figures were given.

Meanwhile, a Soviet spokes-

man on Thursday denied a Reuter report from Pakistan that three Soviet officers had been captured and another killed by anti-government rebels near Herat in western Afghanistan.

"This report does not correspond in any way to reality," Vadim Perfiliev of the Foreign Ministry told a news briefing. He said the ministry had checked with the Soviet Army command in Afghanistan which reported no such incident took place.

The Reuter report, from Quetta, quoted a rebel field commander Mohammad Sarwar of the Jamaat-e-Islami as saying on Wednesday that he had seen the three officers who he said had been captured while swimming in the Shindand area 80 km south of Herat.

Perfiliev told the news briefing he was surprised that Reuters "uses such unverified and questionable sources."

He also hinted that Moscow might be ready to meet Afghan rebels about Soviet servicemen held by the insurgents.

The agency's director in Lebanon, Franke de Jonge, a Dutchman, said on Thursday about 134 Palestinian families have so far returned to their shacks in Shatila. A larger number went back to Bourj El Barajneh, he said.

Jonge said a similar campaign has been conducted in 10 other refugee camps throughout Lebanon.

UNRWA personnel were seen on Thursday patching up holes in Shatila caused by shells and rockets. Some were removing debris blocking the dusty alleys, while others repaired blown-out water pipes, cleaned sewage and collected garbage.

"We are so grateful to UNRWA. We never thought of returning to our home before UNRWA's help, which boosted our morale," said 41-year-old housewife Zeina Fahoum as she was removing the rubble from her home in Shatila.

UNRWA has distributed some 500 seedlings to Shatila's children to plant them in front of their shacks "so that the kids will look after the trees," Jonge said as he was removing a pile of rubble in Shatila.

Shatila, or what was left of it from the earlier battles, was virtually flattened after guerrillas of Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah-uprising faction overran it on June 27, ousting Yasser Arafat's Fatah loyalists.

Although Beirut's other major camp, Bourj El Barajneh, sustained less damage, many of its shelters are uninhabited because of large shell holes. Arafat's men were driven out of Bourj El Barajneh after it fell to the dissidents on July 8.

At least 127 people have been killed and 527 wounded in the bloody two-month power struggle that began last May between the dissidents and Arafat's loyalists for control of the Beirut camps.

Jordan scraps W. Bank development plan

Arafat to visit Amman shortly

AMMAN, July 29. (Reuter): Jordan expects PLO leader Yasser Arafat to visit Amman next week following the kingdom's cancellation of its development plan for the occupied West Bank, a senior Jordanian official said.

The official told local reporters Jordan also planned to dissolve its lower house of parliament, whose 60 seats are equally shared by representatives from the East and West Banks.

The official said Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, would discuss the basis for future Palestinian relations with Jordan, now that the kingdom had partially disengaged itself from the Israeli-held West Bank.

The Jordanian government

announced earlier on Thursday it was abandoning its development plan, launched in 1986, because it wanted to allay suspicions about

its motives.

The official said Jordan was also willing to discuss with the PLO how the two sides could assist a seven-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

King Hussein invited Arafat to Amman in March, but the PLO chief has so far stayed away.

Relations have been uneasy since the collapse in February 1986 of a Jordan-PLO accord on a joint approach to Middle East peace talks.

Changes

Political sources said cabinet changes to reduce the number of ministers from the West Bank were also planned.

A cabinet statement, carried by the state-run news agency Petra, said Jordan had abandoned the development plan in

Kim urges US to help reunite Korea

TOKYO, July 29. (UPI): In a continuing diplomatic offensive, North Korean President Kim Il Sung appealed to the United States and South Korea to accept a North proposal for dialogue on reunification of the two Koreas, the news agency said.

The two Koreas have been divided since the end of World War II and never signed a peace treaty following the 1950-53 Korean war.

The United States must not only try to improve its relations with the major powers but also come to settle the disputes with small countries by peaceful means," Kim said at a banquet in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang last night, the news reported today.

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The head of North Korea's parliament, Yang Hyong Sop, sent a letter to the US Congress calling for direct talks in either Pyongyang, New York or a third country to discuss signing a peace

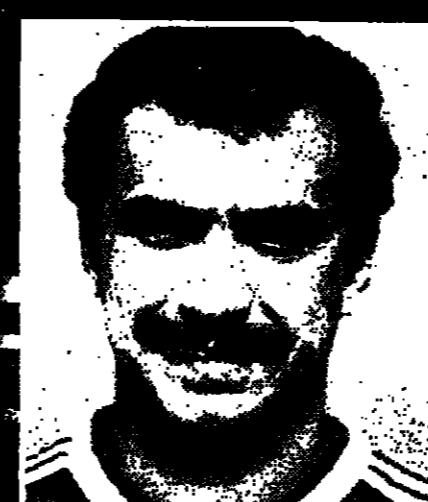
treaty, the news agency said.

North Korea began its peace offensive July 21, when the North Korean parliament, the Supreme People's Assembly, proposed talks with South Korea's parliament to discuss a non-aggression pact.

Leaders of South Korea's major political parties accepted the North Korean offer the following day.

National Assembly officials said a South Korean letter proposing the talks will be delivered to North Korea through Panmunjom, the border truce site, on Monday.

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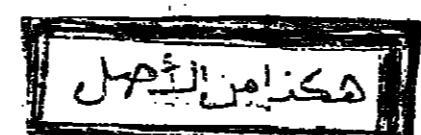
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Trade unions urged to accept modern methods

THE chairman of the trade union of the government sector, Mursheed Al Wasmi called on the Kuwaiti trade unions to review several issues and accept modern methods compatible with the trade union movements of the present age.

He recommended that the 5th congress of the Kuwait's Trade Union scheduled to take place in October this year should adopt the relevant resolutions to achieve the above aims.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Wasmi said the resolutions should reflect the electoral sessions, the unification of the bye-laws and the centralisation of financial accounts for all unions.

The official added that the resolutions should include programmes for foreign relations, clarifying relations between the union and other friendly unions, the setting up of a specific programme for undertaking various issues of the trade unions and the drawing up of necessary directives for conducting the operations of the union.

Insurance scheme proposed

Health Ministry keeps watch on doctors

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqeeb yesterday said that the ministry investigated complaints published in the local press regarding medical services and mistakes of doctors.

He added that if it proved that the mistake was a result of ignorance or negligence on the part of the doctor, appropriate action is taken by the ministry.

Follows-up

The official stressed that the ministry continually follows-up, evaluates, inspects and supervises doctors, but added that medical mistakes will occasionally occur as doctors are humans and not infallible.

However, he advised the public to complain directly to the ministry in the event of any complaint instead of first approaching the press and promised that the ministry would take appropriate action on receiving any complaint in this respect.

Al Naqeeb proposed an

insurance scheme against the profession's risks and said that this had the support of the ministry and doctors with a view to ensure and preserve the rights of the patients.

Categorised

The director of the Sabah Medical Centre, Dr Mohammad Al Bader categorised mistakes as those occurring due to lack of knowledge on the part of doctors especially on new or rare diseases and others due to negligence.

Elucidating, he said, in Kuwait, the Ministry of Public Health is still responsible for any mistakes committed by doctors, while, in other countries, insurance companies took responsibility.

Al Bader called for the establishment of a specialised technical commission in addition to a judge to determine the responsibility of mistakes.

The head of the surgery department at Sabah Medical Centre, Dr Sadiq Sabri supported the

view that it is not possible for the Ministry of Health to continue paying compensation for doctors' mistakes and called for adopting an insurance scheme. He disclosed that according to international statistics, three per cent of mistakes in hospitals are caused by doctors' ignorance as compared to two per cent in Kuwait.

Contacted

On the same topic, the Assistant Undersecretary in the Ministry of Public Health and Director of the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specifications, Dr Abdulla Al Refai said that insurance has become part of any doctor's professional risk and added that in almost all countries, insurance companies cover doctors and compensate patients for their mistakes.

The official disclosed that last year, he contacted a non-profit British establishment working in the field of insuring doctors in



Dr Nael Al Naqeeb

England and abroad.

The establishment agreed to insure over 3,000 doctors working in Kuwait against an annual minimal charge and commented that before the end of this year, we hope to come out with a complete project to cover all doctors in Kuwait in an insurance scheme.

Sheikh Sabah returns after conveying good wishes

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday returned following a few hours visit to Saudi Arabia.

During his visit to Riyadh, Sheikh Sabah conveyed good wishes of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa who is currently there on a private visit.

Sheikh Sabah also expressed best wishes to the Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman who had undergone a surgery in the Saudi capital.

The Amir of Riyadh Prince Salman Bin Abdul Aziz and Bahraini foreign and interior ministers saw Sheikh Sabah off at the airport.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cable

HH the Amir received yesterday acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Iraq's legitimate right

The daily Al Anbaa, said in an editorial it is Iraq's legitimate right to demand guarantees for just and lasting peace in the Arabian Gulf region.

It stressed that face-to-face talks are necessary to approving ways to enforce UN Security Council resolution 598 ordering peace between the Gulf beligerents according to the sequence of its operational articles.

It pointed out that direct negotiations would allow the sides to lay the framework of future ties, which should be neighbourly, equitable and friendly.

"We don't know why Iranian leaders fear direct talks, but signs indicate that they are after a truce that gives them a breathing space and enables them to rebuild their shattered armed forces with a view to launching fresh aggressions," the paper said.

Al Anbaa emphasised that Iraq has realised Iran's real intentions, and is exerting itself hard to fulfil them.

"It is either one of two, peace or war," concluded the paper.

China takes measures to halt sale of Silkworms

BEIJING, July 30: A high ranking Chinese official has said that China has taken strict measures to prevent its Silkworm missiles from being sold from any other source possessing them.

China has also stopped selling the missiles, he added.

The Assistant Foreign Minister of China Yang Fu Chang described his country's relations with Kuwait as "an example of bilateral international relations." He was talking to a Kuwaiti press delegation visiting China.

Regretted

On the issue of the Chinese Silkworm missiles being used against Kuwait, the official regretted the incident and added that China had expressed its sympathy with Kuwait. The Chinese government had always been against the expansion of the Gulf war so as not to reach a peaceful country like Kuwait, he said.

The minister said that the Chinese government followed and is still following the Silkworm missiles issue with due con-



Fu Chang

cern and attention and had sent a special envoy to Kuwait last July and found a great deal of understanding from the Kuwaiti leadership to the Chinese position.

Fu Chang disclosed that the Kuwait-Chinese relations were good even prior to the official establishment of diplomatic ties and that HH the Amir visited China in the early 70s when he was the Crown Prince. Thousands of Chinese engineers are working in Kuwait and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has established several projects in China he said.

Relations

The official speaking on bilateral relations between Kuwait and China said these are quickly improving and called on Gulf tourists and investors to visit China as the foreign investment law provided lots of incentives and opportunities to foreign investors.

The Chinese official informed a group of Kuwaiti reporters visiting China that his country supports the efforts of the UN Secretary-General to implement the Security Council Resolution 598 concerning the Iraq-Iran war and added that his country looks to this resolution as an expression of comprehensive international wish as the best formula to solving the conflict.

On China's relations with the GCC member states, he said that his country's relations are good and China is always willing to improve and strengthen these ties. He added that China maintains diplomatic relations with

some GCC states and good commercial relations with others.

He described the Iraq-Iran war as regrettable, especially as it was between two Muslim neighbours. He stressed that China took a neutral stand and had exerted a lot of effort to bring about a peaceful settlement.

Convinced

China sent a special envoy last summer to Tehran to try and convince Iran to accept the UN Resolution 598 as China had taken an active part in formulating this resolution.

He refuted as lies and fabrications the news that China is planning an armament co-operation with Iran and Israel and stressed that facts will prove otherwise. Additionally, he pointed out that China does not maintain any diplomatic relations with Israel. He expressed total support for the Palestinian uprising and cited the Chinese media's particular attention to this issue.

Doctors urged to diagnose accurately

DR SAMI MATAR, the director of the primary health care department and of Farwaniya health area, has said that doctors should diagnose patients accurately before giving them medicine and rejected the excuse that the large numbers of patients doctors have to deal with made inaccurate diagnoses inevitable.

He added that medicine is a human science which means that the doctor must be able to inspire confidence in his patients regarding the treatment he gives them.

Immediate

Commenting on the delays for hospital appointments, Dr Matar said that this certainly did not apply to urgent cases, who received immediate attention.

He added, however, that delays were often caused by patients' demands for surgery in holiday periods when clinics and hospitals were under-staffed.

He admitted that some people made use of waste (influence) to jump the queue for hospital treatment, which he said was not only highly unfair but also illegal.

He pointed out that the ambulance service was much improved compared to what it was and that drivers were trained

and experienced in first aid.

He went on to note that the ministry had begun a new system of health registration in the Amiri health area. This will involve each citizen having a separate health card, which will replace the old system of one file for each family.

The new system depends on information provided by the Authority for Civil Information. Once the new system has been implemented throughout Kuwait, any patient who goes for treatment at a health centre outside his health area will be charged a fee of two dinars, except in cases of emergency.

Health check

The ministry also plans to conduct a full-scale health check on all citizens and expatriates in Kuwait after the new system has been completed.

Dr Sami Matar also said that the ministry had plans to open health centres in distant areas of Kuwait and to increase the number of medical staff at present centres.

He stressed that Farwaniya health area was particularly under-provided for, considering that it serves 23 per cent of Kuwait's population.

Delay in processing petitions

A LOCAL daily conducted an opinion poll to determine the causes for petitions being continually delayed at various government establishments.

Citizens and residents unanimously agreed that delays are jointly caused by petitioners and employees.

Negligent

Some petitioners did not comply with regulations and some employees were negligent in performance of their duties. However, some said that "wasta" plays an important role in speeding up the work process of petitioners.

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EVENTS

GOING PLACES

An evening to remember

THE Indian Arts Circle (IAC) arranged an evening of ghazals and dances to celebrate Eid Al Adha on Thursday evening.

The performance was very polished and the only serious difficulty encountered on stage was with the curtains: they refused to part for what seemed an era. Once they did, however, few complaints were heard.

The first part of the programme was devoted to dances commencing with a Mohiniyattam. The 14-year-old Ramalaxmi skilfully portrayed the various emotions, using her eyes and hands to their greatest advantage. The story was based on a paralyzed writer Melpathur Battathiri's plea to Krishna to end his misery.

Balram performed a Shiva-tanda next, which involved a good deal of leaping around and provided a sharp contrast to the more subtle dance preceding it.

Nisha, a very young girl, charmed the audience with her dance number.

Balram and Ramalaxmi returned to perform Bharatnatyam and a semi-classical dance about Radha and Krishna.

The three young dancers are talented, but credit has to go to their trainer Pramila Surendra also. By interval time, the audience was obviously impressed. Many were also wondering about the Keralite influence that had thus far pervaded the programme. Publicity for the show had failed to point out that it would be a predominantly Keralite affair. The



Kumar Das (left) and up-and-coming young tabla player Jimmy George.

organisers said more people might have turned up if they had.

The 350-odd members of the audience were enthusiastic and especially so once the ghazals finally got under way after a 10-minute interval that stretched into a half-hour.

The singers, Ambika Surenarayan, Sunny and Abdur Rasheed, were amateurs but the years of training behind them were apparent. Rasheed made a successful, though nervous, stage debut.

Sunny and Ambika are IAC veterans and joined up for a couple of duets: "Jo Waada Kya" from the film Taj Mahal and "Aap Ki

Nazron Ne" from Unpadh. The compere introduced the three artistes as the IAC's Lata, Rafi and Kishore and nobody in the audience seemed to want to dispute the claim. One simply had to shut one's eyes and imagine ... At certain points, in fact, it was thought preferable to do so.

Surenarayan's expressionless face was somewhat disconcerting, particularly when she sailed through the love-duets without sparing so much as a glance for her partner. Verses along the lines of "I think of you all night" lose much of their impact if the artistes are gazing deep into ... some indiscernible corner of the auditorium.

KTV 1

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| 9.00 | Holy Quran |
| 9.15 | Good Morning |
| 9.30 | Space Adventure |
| 10.00 | News Summary |
| 10.15 | Dawa Lil Hub: daily Arabic serial starring Mirvat Amin |
| 11.00 | News Summary |
| 11.15 | Ala Al Dunya Al Salam: Arabic daily serial |
| 12.15 | Hardcastle: English serial |
| 1.00 | News Summary |
| 1.05 | World News via Satellite |
| 1.50 | Variety show |
| 2.30 | Al Sarab: Arabic cartoon |
| 3.35 | Bill and Sebastian: cartoon |
| 4.00 | News magazine |
| 4.15 | Huna Al Qahera: Arabic film starring |

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 2

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| 6.00 | Holy Quran |
| 6.10 | Heathcliff |
| 6.30 | 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications |
| 7.00 | Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi. |
| 7.30 | Valerie: a date -- the kind Momma makes -- and an unexpected visitor of the canine variety. |
| 8.00 | News in English |
| 8.30 | The Flying Doctors: changes in the community |
| 9.30 | My Two Dads: |

"Once a Son..." Joe opens an art exhibition, but his father asks him to give up such unprofitable business.

10.00 Hillary's Adventures: an Englishman crosses the ocean in a small rowing boat and a young woman traverses the skies in a balloon.

10.30 Bestseller: "The Perfect Spy," based on John Le Carre's novel.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

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| 30 | Jazz for the Asking |
| 0700 | World News |
| 09 | Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary |
| 30 | From Our Own Correspondent |
| 45 | World News (3rd Sportsworld) |
| 50 | Waveguide: (ex 3rd) |
| 0800 | World News |
| 09 | Reflections |
| 15 | The Pleasure Years |
| 0900 | World News |
| 09 | British Press Review |
| 15 | Science in Action |
| 45 | A Life at the UN (ex 3rd and 10th The Bishops Come to Lambeth) |
| 1000 | News Summary followed by Short Story |
| 15 | Classical Record Review |
| 30 | Religious Service |
| 1100 | World News |
| 09 | News About Britain |
| 15 | From Our Own Correspondent |
| 30 | 3rd Play of the Week: Quartiermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Hall; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and Composer |
| 1200 | Music Session (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartiermaine's Terms contd; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Hall; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and Composer |

BBC World Services

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| 0000 | World News |
| 04 | News About Britain |
| 15 | Radio Newsreel |
| 30 | 3rd Play of the Week: Quartiermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Hall; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and Composer |
| 0100 | News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartiermaine's Terms contd; 10th and 17th La Peste — Parts 1 and 2; 31st Prometheus Bound |
| 0200 | World News |
| 09 | British Press Review |
| 15 | The Third Policeman (ex 3rd Sports world; 10th Midnight Express |
| 20 | The Ken Bruce Show |
| 0300 | World News |
| 09 | News About Britain |
| 15 | From Our Own Correspondent |
| 30 | A Word in Edgewise |
| 0400 | Newspack |
| 30 | Glyndebourne — The Early Years (ex 3rd The Music of Weber) |
| 45 | Reflections |
| 50 | Financial News |
| 0500 | World News |
| 09 | Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary |
| 30 | The A-Z of Hollywood |
| 45 | Letter from America |
| 0600 | Newsdesk |

FM Services

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| 0800 | Easy Listening |
| 0830 | News |
| 0940 | Easy Listening |
| 1000 | Songs and Music |
| 1230 | Easy Listening |
| 1400 | Classical Music |
| 1600 | Easy Listening |
| 1700 | Latin American Hour |
| 1800 | Pop |
| 1900 | Relax |
| 2130 | News |
| 2145 | Pop |
| 2200 | Jazz Hour |
| 2300 | Easy Listening |
| 2400 | Instrumental Music |
| 0000 | Closedown |

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| 1900 | Opening |
| 1910 | Bhairon Qaul |
| 1916 | Programme Preview |
| 1920 | Songs |
| 1935 | Press Report |
| 1940 | Ek Khayal Ek Geet |
| 2000 | News |
| 2020 | Songs |
| 2040 | Geet Kahani |
| 2100 | Closedown |

CINEMA TODAY



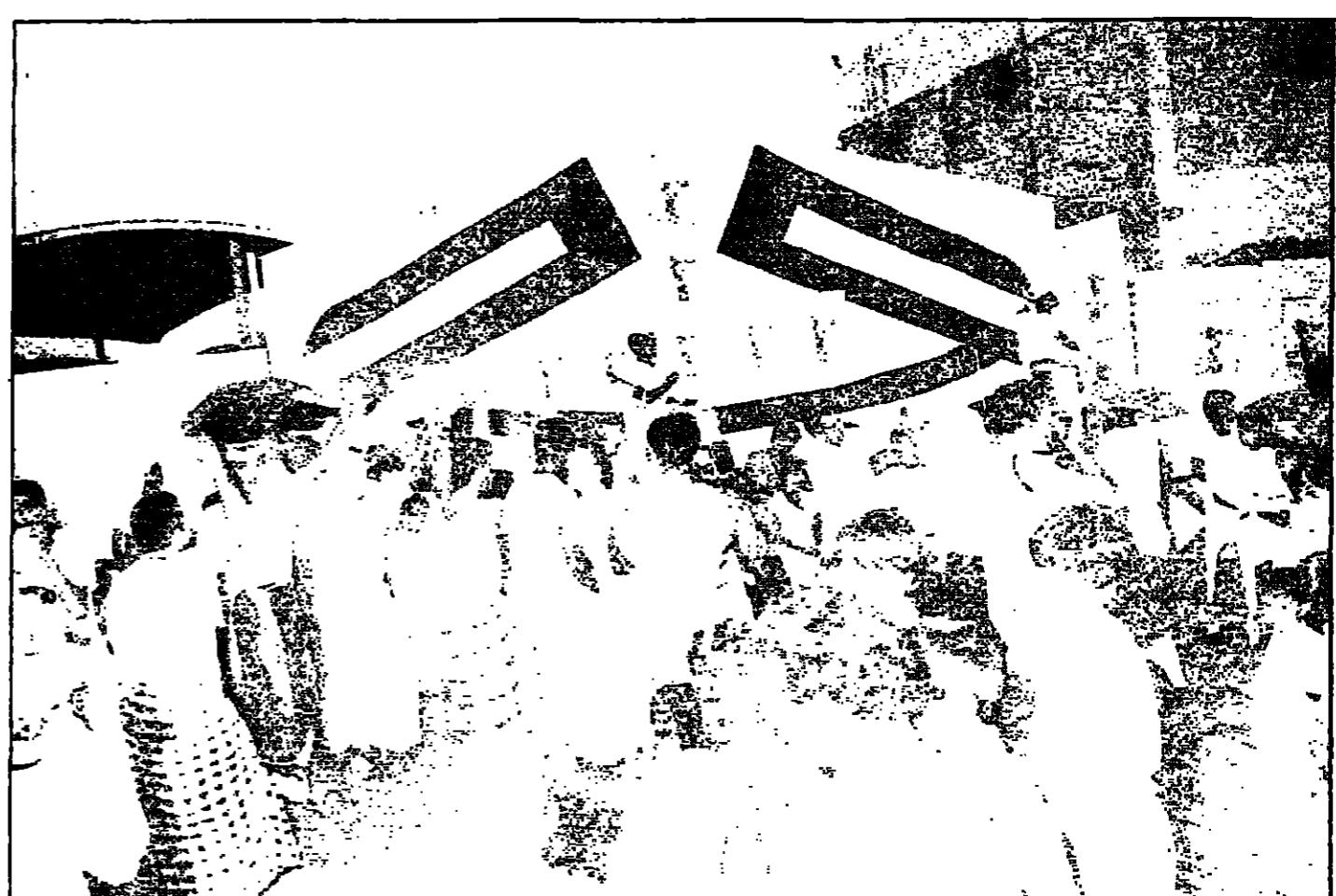
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| Rambo III | Anhoney (Hindi) |
| Starring: Sylvester Stallone | Granada |
| AI Salama | Daku Rani (Hindi) |
| Reserved for AI Jazira | Sulabikhat |
| Theatre | Eat the Rich |
| AI Hamra | AI Jeeb |
| Lailat Al Qabd Ala Bakiza | Oru Minnaminguette |
| Wa Zaghloul (Arabic) | Nurrungu-vetom |
| Starring: Suheir Al Babeli. | (Malayalam) |
| Isaad Younis, Yousef | Ahmad Drive-In |
| Shaanban | Le Gendarme New York |
| Drive-In | |
| Asidqah | |
| AI Shaitan | |
| (Arabic) | |
| Starring: Noor Al Sharif. | Fajr |
| Farid Shawki | 3.39 am |
| AI Firdous | Zuhir |
| Chori Mera Kaam (Hindi) | 11.54 |
| Starring: Shashi Kapoor | Asr |
| Aakhi Adsalat (Hindi) | 3.30 pm |
| AI Fahabee | Maghreb |
| Carry On England | 6.40 |
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PRAYERS

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| Fajr | 3.39 am |
| Zuhir | 11.54 |
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| Maghreb | 6.40 |
| Isha | 8.06 |

Young divers prepare for trip



Haircutting ceremony at Kuwait Sea Sports Club on Thursday.

THE Kuwait Sea Sports Club met on Thursday evening to cut the hair of the young men who will take part in the diving trip scheduled for August 17. The ceremony was attended by the young divers, cap-

tains, officials of the club, and their families. The ceremony is part of a two-month festival that began on July 1. Over 140 people are expected to participate in the festivities.

Hassan Rajab, the chief captain on the trip said that hair-cutting ceremony is a tradition that was practised by Kuwaiji divers in the past, for whom diving was a lifelong profession rather than a hobby. It is an expression of happiness and includes prayers for the divers for a safe return and a large booty of pearls.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Art Museum The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. Summer timimg are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Bangladesh variety show Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Onam Festival The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President, M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varughese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490, ext. 207; Vergheze Paradyil — 242973.

Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Summer Belle 88 The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

D'Assissi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-varieté show on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August 15 5746754 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop

offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Garde-

nens. Fridays. Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarboche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

At the Meridian La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEHIND every argument is someone's ignorance — Louis Brandeis, US Supreme Court Justice (1856-1941).

OPINION

End the state of hate

IRAN has tasted the bitter miseries of the war for eight long years.

We do not want to point out that Iran was vanquished, we simply want to stress that Iran has failed to achieve its goals and will never achieve these goals in future because Iraq does not stand alone in this war.

The reasons for this are obvious. The Iranian plan was not aimed at Iraq alone, but at all the countries in this region.

The onus of responsibility lies not with the Iranian people, but, with the Iranian leadership who cajoled and literally pushed their citizens towards an unwanted war.

Iran also paid a very high price for its thoughtless adventure and similarly we, too, in the Gulf, were made to dissipate our resources and energies which could have been constructively channelled into construction and development activities.

Now that Iran has accepted peace, we say, let not the road to peace be divided. It should be categorically defined as black or white with no shades of grey in between.

For this to be achieved, it must be accepted that peace cannot be established nor the war stopped without ending the state of hate that primarily was instrumental in causing the war.

Iran is a neighbouring country. Iraq is willing to end the state of war and its psychological effects and these factors should prove conducive towards negotiating a direct meeting between the two sides.

In 1975, Iraq had direct negotiations with the Iranian government and was not at all embarrassed by that in spite of the fact that Iran was still hitting the north of Iraq. On that occasion when Iraq and Iran expressed a desire for peace, Iraq did not hesitate and signed a treaty of goodwill with its neighbour.

Relations returned to normal, until, Khomeini came to power and sought revenge from Iraq and the states of this region who refused to help him by interfering in Iran's internal situation.

Iraq must now accept direct negotiations with Iraq in order to remove all traces of hatred and ensure the prevention of war again in the eventuality of any small dispute.

Israel and many other countries who benefitted from the continuing of the war do not desire a direct meeting between Iran and Iraq which would result in an understanding among all the states in the region. The outcome of such a meeting would lead to the creation of an important and resourceful regional power which would have direct bearing on many issues, including oil prices, and supporting the Palestinian uprising which of late has become so very disturbing and distressing to the Israelis.

It is high time for Iran to realise that these are the very same countries which consistently backed the continuation of the war and pushed Iran to reject all peace efforts in the past.

Iraq and Iran are neighbouring countries and when a superpower like the US can sit for negotiations with the Vietnamese once it decided to end the state of war, we see no reason for two very close neighbours not to emulate this example.

We, in this region, have welcomed and hailed the Iranian decision to accept peace and considered it as wise and courageous. Iran should now demonstrate the same courage and wisdom in accepting a direct meeting with Iraq to pave the way for ending all types of tension in the region and restore goodwill after eight long years of suspicion and hate.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Palestinians try to close religious gap

By Ann Peters

BEIT HANINA, Israeli-occupied West Bank, (UPI): A makeshift memorial — tin cans, withered flowers, black mourning cloth and photograph — stands on the outskirts of occupied Jerusalem near the spot where East Jerusalem's first martyr fell from an Israeli soldier's bullet.

Nidal Rabadi, 16, was a Christian.

Three days and several riots in Arab East Jerusalem later, Muslim Palestinians proclaimed at Friday prayers: "With our soul, with our blood, we will revenge you, Rabadi."

Nearly eight months of almost constant violence to end Israeli control of Arab East Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has forged a greater bond between Christian and Muslim Palestinians than ever before in the history of the Jewish state, observers and Palestinians say.

"Christians, they feel that they are facing the same occupier," said Mohammed Saim, acting president of the Islamic University closed by Israel's military.

"It doesn't differ between Muslims and Christians, because the occupier is the enemy of all of us," Saim said. "We participate with the Christians in their suffering and pain, and they participate in ours."

Attempts have been made in

the past to pull Christians and Muslim Palestinians together, including annual two-faith conferences since 1983. But common suffering has tied the regions together more.

A common theme of the "intifada," Arabic for "uprising," is: "Two religions, one nation."

"They say 'watch out for the Muslims.' Why?" asked Bethlehem businessman Nicola Cannavati. "We are in faith Christians, but we are Palestinians. They are Muslims in faith, but they are Palestinians."

At least three times since Rabadi's death July 19, Palestinians have attempted to march from St. Savior Church to the Dome of the Rock, one of Islam's holiest sites. Soldiers blocked their path each time.

In the week surrounding Rabadi's death, two other Palestinian Christians died, one hit by falling brick from an Army observation post, the other shot and killed by soldiers. In the same period, nine Muslim Palestinians were killed in clashes with Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories.

Mos of the more than 225 Palestinians killed have been Muslims, but the figures may only reflect demographic differences. An estimated 40,000 Christians live in the occupied territories, compared with roughly 1.3 million Muslims.

Rafsanjani second most powerful man in Iran

Battle lines drawn in struggle to succeed Khomeini



Hossein Ali Montazeri



Ali Khamenei



Ali Akbar Mohtashami



Ahmad Khomeini



Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani



Ayatollah Khomeini

By Ralph Joseph

EARLIER this month, as rumours spread through Tehran that the health of spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini had taken another turn for the worse, five significant words caught the attention of watchful diplomats and Iranian politicians.

They were contained in a message attributed to Khomeini and addressed to his designated successor Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri.

Montazeri, reacting in unconsidered haste to the shooting down by the USS Vincennes of an Iran Air flight 655 over the Gulf, had issued a call on July 3 to Islamic Fundamentalists around the world to avenge the lives of the 290 people aboard the Airbus by attacking American interests wherever they could.

Montazeri was elected to succeed Khomeini by a council of 70 clerics in a supposedly secret vote in 1985. At the time Rafsanjani did not take a public stand against him, but he is now said to favour a "leadership council" of three or five grand Ayatollahs to succeed Khomeini rather than investing the Imam's power in one man's hands.

Friendship

Until the April-May elections, Rafsanjani was considered almost certain to have his way because of his power base in the Majlis and his close friendship with Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khomeini, the Imam's son. But the elections introduced new elements which do not favour Rafsanjani's chances.

Powerful

That Khomeini should back "Brother Hashemi" publicly against Montazeri was taken as another indication that Rafsanjani was still to be considered the second most powerful man in Iran.

It also underlined the fact that the battle lines were drawn between the pragmatic Western-educated Rafsanjani and the puritanical Islamic hardline Montazeri in the struggle to succeed the dying Khomeini.

It was the second time this summer that Rafsanjani had received a boost from Khomeini in Tehran. On June 2, Khomeini appointed him Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

The bad news for Rafsanjani, according to diplomats in Tehran, is that Mohashami is believed to be the new leader of an underground group of gun-

men who support Montazeri.

The danger is that Rafsanjani presses too hard to have Montazeri replaced as Imam after Khomeini, clashes could break out between Montazeri's gunmen and the Revolutionary Guards who back Rafsanjani. As Deputy Supreme Commander, Rafsanjani would, to all appearances, also have the regular armed forces on his side.

But Rafsanjani's dilemma is that if Montazeri automatically succeeds Khomeini on the basis of the 1985 vote, he also automatically becomes Supreme Commander of the Iranian Armed Forces and could swiftly dismiss Rafsanjani as Deputy Commander.

Danger

Rafsanjani's power is further threatened because he has decided to run for President in succession to Ali Khamenei.

Although the Iranian President is elected by direct vote, in 1981 Khomeini reduced the office to that of a toothless mastiff when he stripped former President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr of his job as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces.

If Rafsanjani wants to appear

the Iranian strongman when Khomeini eventually dies, he has to act fast. He must either restore the office of the President to its original power and prestige, or ensure Montazeri does not automatically assume control of the Revolutionary Guards and the regular Army after Khomeini.

His big asset is his friendship with Ahmad Khomeini, the Imam's son, who packs tremendous political power because of his direct access to the Ayatollah.

Ahmad Khomeini is believed to have played the role of messenger between the Ayatollah and the Iranian public over the last few days. The radio and television message from Khomeini, in which he took personal responsibility for accepting the UN ceasefire resolution, is believed to have been dictated to Ahmad.

One man who has yet to show

his hand in the power struggle is President Ali Khamenei, always believed to have support from significant elements of the regular Army. But since the promotion of Rafsanjani to Deputy Supreme Commander, his position has been more uncertain.

The political turmoil inside

Iran will have raised the hopes of a disparate group of dissidents who have sought refuge in Paris from the Ayatollah's regime.

There is speculation that a moderate successor to Khomeini might allow some of them to return to public life.

Resident longest in the French

capital is Shapur Bakhtiar, the last prime minister under the Shah. Since his escape nearly 10 years ago he has been a vociferous critic of the mullahs and the Gulf war.

In the summer of 1980 supporters in the Iranian Army were accused of mounting a plot to kill Ayatollah Khomeini. A number were executed, and a few days later an attempt was made on Bakhtiar's own life at his home in a Paris suburb.

Another distinguished exile in

Paris is Abol Hassan Bani Sadr,

Iran's president during the

American hostage crisis. He fled

from Tehran in a military jet in July 1981. Reputed to be a loner

— he was addicted to long games of pingpong during his presidency — he has little political clout in his present position.

Unpredictable

Most unpredictable and most

powerful of the exiles is Masoud Rajavi, leader of the Mujahedin-e-Khalq, the most vehement

and active of the dissident forces.

In mid-1986 he was allowed to

leave France following a deal

with the government of Prime

Minister Jacques Chirac who

alleged that his group "had been

committing excesses" during

their asylum. Last month the

Mujaheddin calling themselves

the Iranian National Liberation

Army, crossed the border from

Iraq and attacked the city of

Mehran and held it for several

hours. On Wednesday NLA

claimed to have downed two

Iranian F-4 fighter bombers

and a Cobra helicopter and routed an

Iranian bid to retake the town of

Eslamabad.

Rajavi has claimed that the Mehran attack had persuaded the regime in Tehran to sue for peace. A long statement issued from Baghdad on Monday suggested that the Tehran regime was now finished as it had only been guaranteed by the continuing war, and the call for a truce was a sign of total defeat of the military machine.

However, the climate of peace is likely to spell eclipse for the Mujaheddin. Rajavi himself is regarded by former supporters as a dangerous fanatic in the Pol Pot mould.

Most intriguing is the role of the most powerful of the exiles, the Ayatollah Khomeini, who refused to go into exile, the former prime minister Mehdi Bazargan, who was forced to resign when students seized the American embassy in Tehran in November 1979. He heads the so-called "Freedom Movement" which has issued frequent proclamations calling for free elections and end to the war. Some 30 supporters are serving long prison sentences, but still Bazargan survives.

Courtesy: The Daily Telegraph

One year after Sri Lanka accord

Peace still remains elusive

By Dexter Crouze

COLOMBO, (AP): Hours after Sri Lanka and India signed an accord aimed at ending this nation's Tamil ethnic war, Indian Air Force planes began

ferrying troops to the Tamil-dominated north.

A year later 50,000 soldiers of the Indian Army still are deployed in Sri Lanka.

The Tamil war goes on, into its sixth year with the death toll at more than 8,000.

Resentment against Indian troops grows among Tamil civilians who first saw the foreign soldiers as protectors but who now say they have not done their job.

Anger at the peace accord among the majority Sinhalese has spawned yet another revolt and more violence, and both Sinhalese and Tamils are questioning the accord.

Sinhalese ire was apparent even before President Junius R. Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi signed

the accord on July 29, 1987.

Rioting erupted a day earlier in the capital, and more than 70 people were killed when police opened fire to control Sinhalese mobs.

Many Sinhalese complained that the accord went too far in giving the minority Tamils what they wanted — a separate homeland in the island's north and east.

The idea of the peace accord

was that Sri Lanka would grant

limited autonomy to the Tamils in those areas in return for the Tamil fighters putting down their weapons.

India, Sri Lanka's northern neighbour with a large Tamil population of its own, agreed to guarantee the pact by disarming Tamil rebels and protecting Tamil civilians from revenge by the Sinhalese.

It didn't work out that way.

Velupillai Prabhakaran, leader of the largest Tamil militia, said

the accord was forced on him by powerful India, which sits just 30 miles (50 kilometres) from Sri Lanka, and he rejected it.

By October, Prabhakaran's Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were fighting the Indian Army. About 2,500 Tiger guerrillas and at least 500 Indian soldiers have been killed.

A leading Sinhalese government minister, Gamini Dissanayake

A bewitching enigma

By June Southworth

WHEN she was a child she played with her Barbie Doll and longed for the big blue eyes and blonde hair that would make her the perfect Hollywood bimbo.

"Well," laughs Anjelica Huston, those almond-shaped eyes glinting, "it didn't quite turn out that way."

Her hair is long and straight, the colour of rich burgundy, and the elegantly-honed face of Anjelica Huston radiates an intelligence and intensity that has intrigued the most dangerous men in Hollywood.

There is a magnificent beauty there for someone who is man enough to look for it... a particularly intriguing quest for Jack Nicholson, with whom she has had a 14-year relationship.

You might call it typecasting that her next film is *Road Dahl's children's chiller*. The Witches, because she managed to bewitch Warren Beatty and Ryan O'Neal, too.

Protective

She almost throws down the gauntlet to men in her role in the film *A Handful of Dust*, which was given the accolade of a royal charity gala.

Anjelica plays the daunting and mesmerising Mrs Rattery, an American divorcee who literally flies — piloting her biplane — for a weekend in the country. When she joins the hunt she is one foxy lady, but is clearly on her high horse, untouchable, a challenge, an enigma.

Her breeding in Hollywood seems as impeccable as that of the finest thoroughbred, what with grandfather Walter Huston, of *September Song* fame, and her father John Huston, for whom she turned in an Oscar-winning performance in *Panzica's Honour* supporting Mr Nicholson.

Father was magnificent, she says, and she is illuminated by the warmth of his memory.

He was very tall, very proud, very sensitive, very cultured, very articulate, very wise, but not arrogant, never that. He was very protective towards me when I was growing up. He never took me in hand to teach

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Ryan O'Neal would seem to be a closed chapter, and yet... she is very defensive about him. "Look, Ryan O'Neal is a nice man. He's funny and there's a lot to him, more depth than most people imagine. I think he's not credited with enough intelligence."

Her relationship with Jack Nicholson has been punctuated by three defections to O'Neal's side, but as far as her father was concerned, Jack was the family choice. How many times has Jack unsuccessfully proposed marriage now?

"Oh, come on!" she says. Now 35, she was only 21 when they met at a Hollywood party and began an on-off affair. They have lived together and apart, usually — as now — with only a five-minute drive separating their canyon-top homes. His first reaction was that she was "pure class." What was hers?

"He had a wonderful smile. No, not that demon smile from *The Shining*. A beautiful smile."

It was said she moved out because she found it difficult to cope with the superstar fuss his success inevitably attracted, whether he asked for it or not — constantly being asked what Jack was doing, answering the phone for Jack, always Jack — but she, too, is now a very hot property after Prizzi's Honour and her highly-praised performance in Huston's last film, *The Dead*. Are the tables turned?

I don't think this is difficult for Jack to cope with. He's a very self-sufficient man, well-placed, secure, used to standing on his own two feet. I don't think it's changed our association one iota.

Worthwhile

You don't have a relationship for as long as we have without something worthwhile and enduring growing between you. If you start living as a couple there's a danger of collapsing into someone else's life.

I'm sure that leading separate lives and having mutual interests and avoiding living in each other's pockets is healthy for a relationship and has kept ours going all this time. In the years we've been

Huston: highly-praised performance in her father's last film, *The Dead*.

me about men as such, but yes, you could learn a lot from him. He had such generosity and humanity.

But I didn't consciously look for men like my father. Either you're attracted to a man or you're not. I look for people with warmth and humour. I don't think it's ever a conscious decision to love a man, is it?

So what does love mean to Ms Huston, reportedly pursued determinedly by Warren Beatty and Ryan O'Neal?

She grimaces slightly at the mention of Beatty, he of the legendary libido, with a "here we go again" look in her narrow eyes.

First of all, I have to clarify that I was a friend of Warren, but it was never a relationship that went beyond friendship. Yes, I know, I am unique in that respect.

had to have something wrong with them. I was one of those tall, skinny girls — always the tallest in my class — and I was subject to some ridicule. They would call me Legs. Mercifully it was the sort of thing I later turned to my advantage. But it's grim at 13 when you're longing to be 3ft 6in."

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Anjelica Huston: 'pure class', said Jack Nicholson when he first saw her

together I've seen all the couples we've known break up, largely due to enforced togetherness. One should be together because one wants to be together, because one has something to offer the other person, not because it has been a habit.

Even the most intelligent and attractive people can bore each other if they are completely intertwined.

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She was 16 when she appeared in her father's *A Walk with Love and Death*. Her mother was killed in a car crash just after the film was completed.

At this low point, a bad

review helped to push her into an alternative and successful career as a model. Her father wooed her back for Prizzi's Honour to play a Mafia princess, and she hit the Hollywood jackpot.

As she says, it's too late to be a Barbie Doll now.

You might walk past Anjelica Huston in the street. What is magic about her is the longer you look at her, the more oddly beautiful she becomes. Ask any simple Hollywood superstar.

Probing evil in the outback

By Jo Mears

ON a cool spring night in the Australian Outback, a baby disappeared.

Had she been carried off by a dingo? Or had the baby's mother just committed one of the most bizarre murders in history?

Film producer Verity Lambert believes it possibly WAS a dingo... but she had to make a film to find out.

For in the new movie, *Evil Angels*, starring Meryl Streep and Sam Neill, the celebrated Chamberlain case — which chilled and outraged a nation — is once again put under a microscope.

The disappearance of nine-week-old Azaria Chamberlain from a camp-site at Ayers Rock in 1980 triggered a witch-hunt that is still going on.

Azaria's body was never found. But her parents, Lindy and Michael Chamberlain, were tried — by rumour, suspicion and religious intolerance — and in a court of law Lindy was found guilty of murder.

With no body, no motive, no weapon, and no clear evidence, Australia decided that a happily married young couple had killed their baby daughter.

But today Lindy is out of jail and reunited with her family, and is continuing the legal battle to clear her name.

And when British producer Verity Lambert, saw John Bryson's book *Evil Angels*, she was immediately attracted to the story.

She says: "My first thought was of the Witches of Salem, and how could something so similar could happen in the 1980s?"

"I knew right away who I wanted for it — Fred Schepisi, as director and Meryl Streep as Lindy. I knew the project would appeal to her."

Fascinated

After a little hesitation, Fred Schepisi agreed and straight away became fascinated by the drama.

He says: "I wondered what had caused this irrational, emotional mass reaction. Was it the deep-seated need for civil in all of us?"

"People's impressions of other people are generally

Meryl Streep stars in *Evil Angels*.

incredibly wrong.

Here, media misinformation and wrong impressions kept refuelling one another. Eventually public perception built into something so far removed from the reality that it brought about a kind of group emotional madness."

Sam Neill, who plays Michael Chamberlain, soon formed his theory as to why an entire nation found Lindy guilty too.

He explains: "I believe it had

a lot to do with boredom. This

is a huge under-populated country with a massive media machine... Nothing much happens in Australia but everyone is still bombarded with news stories."

"So a baby disappears from Ayers Rock. Her mother says a wild animal ran off with her. There's no body. For the news media, it's all magic."

The Australian media even gave Meryl Streep and Sam Neill a taste of what the Chamberlains had gone through.

Wild stories circulated about the two stars — claiming they were in love — were bandied about but bore no relation to fact. Just as the original reports of the Chamberlain case proved to be largely wrong.

Sam Neill adds: "Ironically, that helped our performances. This was the hardest role I've

every done, but Meryl and I felt beleaguered, just as the Chamberlains had. And that drew us closer together like them."

The two stars also spent a lot of time with the Chamberlains in preparation for their roles.

Sam adds: "One of the crucial things to remember about Lindy and Michael and their reaction to their daughter's death, was their faith. They have always believed without a shadow of doubt that they will see Azaria again on the other side. People couldn't understand why they weren't more upset."

Innocence

Even the filming of *Evil Angels* helped convince many of Lindy's innocence.

Michael Wetter was cast as the family's four-year-old son, Reagan. His role required a lot of sleeping. He had to sleep in the tent alongside, the baby playing Azaria throughout the dingo's arrival and the taking of the baby.

In real life, observers said this wouldn't happen. They insisted no four-year-old would sleep through such an event.

But when Michael was told to lie quietly, he quickly fell asleep — and continued to sleep right through 15 takes as Meryl Streep ran in and out of the tent, moving blankets and screaming that the dingo had taken her baby.

And dingo-trainer Evanne Chasson, who supplied the dingos for the film, had not doubts that they are capable of snatching a baby.

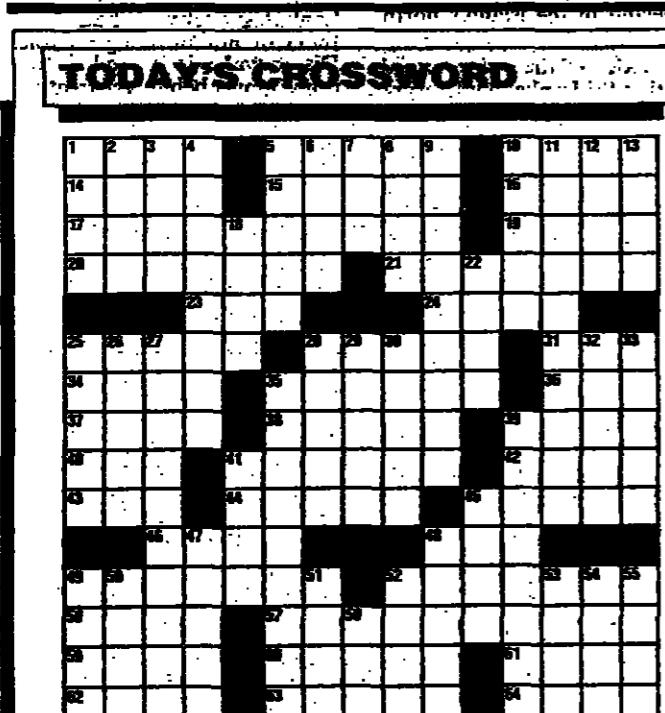
Evanne says: "People think dingos are lovely puppies living out in the desert. They forget that in the desert there are no cans of dog food lying around."

Dingos have to eat live animals. To a dingo, a baby would be no different from a rabbit."

Producer Verity Lambert concludes: "Some people said that what happened to the Chamberlains had gone through.

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"I saw what happened as something that could make other societies look at themselves and realise that it could happen there, anywhere."



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

NO 'RULE' IS INVOLVABLE

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH

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WEST

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♦ 8 5 3

SOUTH

♦ K Q J 8 7 3

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♦ J 10

♦ K

The bidding:

East South West North

1 0 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♦

be touch-and-go on many hands where four hearts would be makable, depending on partner's holding. No harm was done here, though. North's raise to game is beyond reproach.

West led his top diamond, and the defenders quickly raked in two tricks. Even if declarer did not have the king of clubs, East could see that his side was going to collect no more tricks in the plain suits. If the contract was to be defeated, the defenders had to score two trump tricks.

That was not likely unless declarer could be forced to weaken his holding; and the only way to accomplish that was by giving declarer a ruff-sluff, bridge "no-no." Since declarer had no side-suit losers, that tactic could only help the defense, not harm them.

Declarer ruffed high, but it did not avail him. Had West overruffed, the contract would still have been on ice, since the defenders would have taken no more tricks. But West simply discarded, and now there was no way that he could be prevented from collecting two trump tricks.

There is a moral to this story: Don't try to replace ruminations with rote.

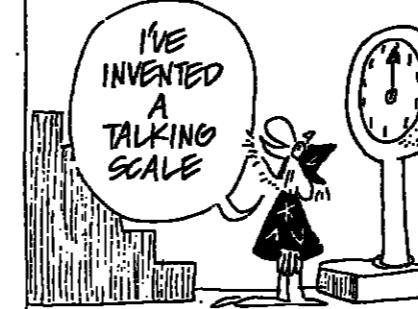
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"This is the most expensive perfume I could find without my reading glasses."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Simon Winchester

HE WAS a fat man with bulging black circles under his eyes — not the best advertisement, perhaps, for so efficacious an elixir. He sat in his office with four colleagues, and they nodded and smiled broadly as servants trooped in with a steaming silver pot. "You are very welcome," said Ha. "You will take some red ginseng extract, please?" A servant poured a deep red liquid into an egg-shaped china cup that had handpainted flowers on its side. Ha stood and made a short and rather formal speech: "Red ginseng is good for your life, Mister Simon. It will help your body to make more blood. It will clean your liver. It will cleanse your hangover. It will make you live much longer. Gentlemen, drink!"

And we all stood and sipped the scalding liquid. It is not easy to describe the taste. Sweetish rubber, perhaps. Glue? The faintest hint of drying paint. A freshly baked Victoria sponge cake, cooked in a pine wood on a warm spring afternoon. Ginger and balsam dipped in molasses. All these tastes and smells came to mind as I drank the vaguely medicinal liquid. Not at all unpleasant but rather odd, as though someone had slipped a mickey into a glass of decent claret, and I suspected it but drank it all the same.

"You will feel its effects very soon," said Ha, and then showed me his motto. It was arranged under the glass of his

tabletop: "I believe that the able industrial leader who creates wealth and employment is more worthy of historical notice than any politician or soldier ..." "So you see, we create wealth and employment, and by making something that is beneficial to everyone. Can we do any better than that?" He beamed. The other men at the table beamed and bowed. One of them released a most enormous belch, and Ha beamed even more. And then an escort arrived to take me around the factory.

Icon

The ginseng root is the most readily recognisable icon in modern Korea. You see it under bell jars in ancient pharmacies. You see it on the labels of sweets and cigarettes, on hair restorers and after-shaves, on chewing gums and face creams. Huge posters carry its image. If Korea were run by Californians I daresay somewhere there would be a statue. The root is a curiously anthropomorphic thing, anyway — a thick, pinkish root with a fat body, two elephantine "legs", a couple of thinner "arms", and an assortment of lesser limbs a "head" with hair and on some specimens a navel, a penis, and knees. Sometimes it stands erect; other specimens are bent at the midriff and seem to sit back, contentedly dispensing their magicks. The Chinese character for "gin" is "man", thought to confuse matters the word ginseng is not actually used in Korea: the Korean word for what the Chinese call



Winchester in Korea: "If it is an elixir that promotes spermatogenesis, I am happy to know but have no access to proof."

Clinical trials could lead to cure for genetic disorder

CLINICAL trials will follow the success of British scientists in isolating and cloning a vital enzyme that is thought to be the key to combating the genetic disorder, cystic fibrosis, as well as chronic pancreatitis.

It is known that sufferers of these conditions are unable to digest nutritional fats and as a result suffer from malnutrition. The reason is a shortage of a lipase enzyme normally secreted by the pancreas.

Current therapy is to take a lipase enzyme preparation derived from the pancreas of pigs, but there has long been a need for a product containing human gastric lipase that can offer improved efficacy and lower dosage.

The challenge was therefore to identify a naturally occurring enzyme that is acid stable and therefore capable of oral administration in low doses. The existence of such an enzyme that is secreted in the stomach rather than the pancreas has been a matter of controversy for many years.

But now researchers from the Celltech biotechnology company in Slough, near London, have confirmed that such an enzyme does exist and has not only isolated it but also proved its acid stability and brought it to the stage where it can be genetically engineered in yeast for bulk production.

Celltech says the next stage will be initial production and clinical trials of the man-made human enzyme. Both the enzyme and the process being developed to make it have been protected by patent applications.

By Christian Doyle

RECENTLY, John, an energetic 25-year-old chauffeur, retired early to bed on the Friday evening. He suffered from asthma, and "did not feel very well," he told Sue, his 19-year-old common-law wife and mother of their six-month-old baby girl.

In the middle of the night the baby's crying woke Sue. When she returned to bed she found John gasping for breath, foaming at the mouth and very blue. His "puffer" — or inhaler, containing a bronchodilating drug to open narrow, suffocating airways — lay by his side.

By the time an ambulance team had arrived, given emergency treatment, manoeuvred John down some 80 stairs from their bedsit and rushed him to the nearby London teaching hospital he was beyond help.

John has become yet another statistic to add to a mystifying annual rise in asthma deaths at a time when drugs to treat asthma are increasingly effective and allow sufferers to lead normal lives. Allergy and chest experts around the world are now trying to solve the paradox of why deaths are increasing.

"No-one should die of asthma," said Dr William Franklin, a leading allergist and immunologist from Boston, at a recent conference in America.

Around 2,000 people die from asthma in Britain each year, almost doubling the figure for 10 years ago. More than a third are under the age of 55. Asthma deaths remain rare when compared with other diseases, such as heart attacks or lung cancer. None the less, there were about 34 per million deaths in men and 45 per million deaths in women at the latest count, compared with a rate per million of 22 men and 26 women in 1975.

Only two years ago, the Royal College of General Practitioners' working party in this country estimated: "Between

Ginseng: the magic panacea

jenseng and for what the English-speaking world calls "ginseng" is actually insam — hence if you ask for a cup of ginseng tea in Korea the phrase is insam-cha chuseyo, putokkamida, and if you asked for ginseng you would get very blank looks indeed.

Semantics aside, ginseng is Korea; thanks to the efforts of the monopoly that masters and market it, the world now firmly associates Korea with ginseng and ginseng with Korea. Not many people beyond the Orient know exactly what it is; there is the vaguely terrifying (but not wholly wrong) assumption that it has something to do with the curious activities of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon (a figure of quasi-religious bizarreness well known in the West, who is either despised or unknown in Korea). Few people can precisely certain if ginseng will do them good or harm, if it is an aphrodisiac, a life-extension drug, a sleeping draught, a menace to society, or some cunning fungus through whose use the sunnier East will subtly extend its dominance over a bewildered and drug-fuddled West. But whatever, it is the symbol of Korea, without a doubt, and is all made, processed, and packed in Puyo, behind the high white walls and guard towers of Number 200, Naeri Street.

It was once all made in Kaesong and exported in huge quantities to a China that had been fascinated with yin-yang restoratives (in which field ginseng claims pre-eminence) since the third millennium BC. The Koryo kings were forced to pay levies to the Yuan Dynasty's Mongol emperors; gold and silver; cloth and grain; falcons, eunuchs, young women — and ginseng, always ginseng. Ginseng was stiff with yang energy: no Chinese, no Mongol, could possibly function well without it. The principal factory for its mass production was established in Kaesong in 1908, a branch office of the ginseng division of the Royal Ministry of Finance.

But Kaesong was swallowed up by North Korea in 1953, and the factory moved south to Puyo. Kaesong still makes some ginseng and exports it under the historically accurate name of Koryo ginseng (since Kaesong was the Koryo capital). A little is made in China, and both the Russians and the Americans grow the plant and toy with processing it. The biggest exporter in the world, by far, is Korea, and all the export quality red ginseng comes from the factory at Puyo.

There are two kinds of Korean ginseng. There is packam, or white ginseng, which is grown for four years, then washed, sorted, graded, and sold. This type of ginseng is regarded as inferior enough for private enterprises to make and market, and such magisterial characters as Puyo's Ha have no interest in it. Red ginseng, or hongsam, on the other hand, is the real McCoy of the insam world. It is exactly the same ginseng, except it has been steamed and dried. This curing process, then, and the two years' maturation in the field, is all that separates two ginsengs that are treated as differently as gold from pyrites. Red ginseng — stronger, more concentratedly beneficial — is the subject of the hugely powerful Office of Monopoly, and on that subject, Ha waxed lyrical indeed.

Legacy

It turned out that the Korean War had left a problematic legacy for the ginseng makers. The original Korean factory had been at Kaesong, as I have explained. It was strategically placed inside a 50-mile-wide circle where the better six-year ginseng was traditionally cultivated. Then came the war, and Kaesong fell into Communist hands. Most of the 50-mile circle, however, remained in the South — mercifully, for the Korean export trade. The new factory that the Southern authorities then built in Puyo was right in the middle of a 50-

mile-wide circle where four-year ginseng was grown. The inconvenience was considerable: everything grown around Puyo was destined to become white ginseng and was sent up to Seoul to be processed by private enterprise factories: everything grown around Seoul (and particularly on a beautiful island called Kanghwa-do, an hour west of the capital) had to be trundled south to Puyo to be made into red ginseng. The mistake appears to have been to plant the red ginseng plant in the middle of a white-ginseng-growing area; when I asked my guide why this had been done, he looked at his feet and shuffled them uncomfortably. I think someone had made an almighty mistake.

Trucks bring boxes of the precious anthropomorphic roots of Panax ginseng down to Puyo every day. For the six years before this transport the roots had matured in their shaded mulches of chestnut leaves. The red raspberry-like fruits, which had appeared every summer after the plant was three years old, had grown and withered, grown and withered. The leaves, protected from the damaging sun, had sprung up and then faded and died six times, each time leaving another callus that, welded together in the crucial six-year maturation, became the head that is so important to the root's status in ginseng society. No head, no deal, basically: a hydra-headed beast, or one that looks like a cross between ET and the Mekon, is much favoured and prised from the ground with reverential care, packed all about with straw, and dispatched to Puyo for the attention of Ha and his 100 pretty Puyo girls.

Lovingly

The girls wash each root as if it were a child, lovingly towelling between its little legs and under its wizened arms and patting its head dry and smooth. Then baskets carry the creamy roots into steamers, where the cream becomes a deep and angry red, the smooth roots craze and buckle like frying bacon, and the whole factory fills with an aroma of rubber and ginger, molasses and spongecake. And from this moment onward the roots, ugly in their dismemberment, are weighed, sorted, graded, and dealt with according to the commercial pressures of the moment.

The grades are given names that are appropriate to the standing of the root in botanical society. The least good (although all are superior to the various grades of white ginseng) is known as tail ginseng, the next is cut ginseng. Then there is good grade, then earth grade. And finally, in red-and-gold packets that will cost

devotees small fortunes in folding money, heaven grade. The girls — who, when I was there, seemed to spend an inordinate amount of time fighting playfully with each other — fed the sorted roots into the maws of silvery machines, and from the various orifices of these engines came the substances that Korea exports to the waiting non-Communist world — 9,200 metric tons of the stuff each year — to be sent off to Hong Kong, Singapore, San Francisco, Seattle, London, Athens, Santiago and Mexico City (the places where Korea has set up ginseng centres), and to the 60 countries drunk, or otherwise ingested.

Puyo's managers offer it as unadorned root, sold in flat tins decorated with paintings of pretty girls in hangbok. They sell it as extract (which is what Ha gave me); there is powdered ginseng tea; there is spray-dried powder, and there is ordinary powder; there are tablets, capsules, and pills; there are fine-cut pieces, and there are polygonal slices — all to be taken with honey if needed, or with pieces of the dried ziziphus fruit we know as a jujube, and all guaranteed to make the taker feel a great deal better. The trucks that bring the earth-covered roots down in

the morning leave in the afternoon with the red-and-gold packets of polygons and slices and pills and capsules. The greatships that leave Pusan and Inchon each day, filled with Hyundai cars and Samsung televisions and Daewoo refrigerators, also hold, in every available corner, small and very valuable boxes from the factory over in Puyo town.

The chemistry of ginseng is bewildering, and books on the topic (which Ha pressed into my hands at every available moment) combine folksiness with utter incomprehensibility. I nearly gave up at the paragraph that started: "Therefore, let us turn our attention to terpenoid," and then did abandon the struggle at another that started with the declaration that "ginseng saponin is a glycoside structured with dammarene from triterpenoid." The words that made greater sense were those that claimed ginseng had an "anti-cancer effect", was "anti-ageing", was analgesic, antibiotic, inhibited overfermentation in the gut, was anti-diabetic, and had been declared by chemists at a doubtless grand institution called Kinki University to be full of magnesium and therefore very good for one's general health.

Professor Oura of Toyoma University in Japan cut the livers of rats and fed them ginseng, whereupon good-size parts of their livers grew back. A Dr Lee of the Ginseng and

Tobacco Research Institute found that tar left in smokers' livers was cleansed away by ginseng. Dr Kim of Wonkwang University injected lead into mice, gave them ginseng, and most of the lead vanished. Professor Huh of Youngnam University made his rats into chronic alcoholics, gave them ginseng, and they went corporately on the wagon. Professor Joo of Yonsei University fed rabbits with a forage that contained lots of cholesterol, gave them ginseng, and the cholesterol levels in their blood dropped away to nothing. A Bulgarian doctor found that ginseng lowered stress. A Professor Hong found it made hens lay more eggs. An English researcher named Fulder gave ginseng to nurses on night shift and found that they perked up — the list goes on and on, credible or not I cannot tell. The claims made for the improving qualities of ginseng are perhaps qualities more catholic and numerous than for any other substance known.

Energy My own impression is that ginseng does good. Ha had told me that the effects of his infusion would be noticeable within minutes — and noticeable they most certainly were. I became unaccountably full of energy. I had all the cheerful enthusiasm of an early drunk, and yet all my faculties were quite normal and I was in full control. I have in consequence taken ginseng pretty regularly ever since. I will not know for many years if it prolongs my life; I have few enough serious ailments to know whether it is chipping away at their effects; I cannot look at my arteries to see if the cholesterol is being corroded nor into my liver to see if dying cells are being regenerated. If it is, as claimed, an elixir that promotes spermatogenesis, then I am happy to know but have no access to proof. All I do know is this: when I take ginseng, I end up feeling pretty good. (Not that I feel bad if I don't take it — there is no suggestion that ginseng is in any way addictive.) People tell me I look fitter than for some time. And I like the taste. Maybe it is all some mighty Korean confidence trick; maybe ginseng extracts have no more than a placebo effect, and one that works wonders on the suggestible psyches of people like me. I am well aware I might be being taken for an almighty ride and that Ha and his brother tricksters at Korea's Office of Monopoly may well be laughing behind their hands at how all the yangnom fall for this guff about saponins and terpenoids and help jolly along Korea's millions of dollars in profits each year. Maybe, but somehow, knowing full well for how long the Chinese have accepted the medicinal value of the root, I doubt it. Puyo town provided a revelation for me, and one that will take me some long while to forget.



The ginseng root is the most readily recognisable icon in modern Korea.

False reassurance may prove fatal

and calm muscle spasms, asthma patients may not realise when they are critically ill and on the verge of a life-threatening attack.

Dr Cochrane explains: "They, or parents of asthmatic children, may not even hear a wheeze — this is particularly the case with small children — and delay seeking emergency help, which includes steroid injections, at the very moment when it is most needed."

Further, he maintains, for the same reason both doctors in general practice and in hospitals may fail to assess or appreciate the severity of attacks. One theory is that when drugs were less effective, asthma sufferers sought help earlier.

Growing scientific understanding of "two stages" in the progression of asthma suggests how over-reliance on drugs could mask an acute attack.

Until relatively recently, our emphasis was chiefly on the acute early effects of the airways, which may be triggered by such things as cat's hair, house dust mites, cigarette smoke or infection," says Professor Timothy Williams, who is about to head a new research group, partly sponsored by the Asthma Research Council, at the Brompton Hospital in London.

Another major problem, according to Dr Cochrane, is "under-diagnosis by doctors of asthma." The RCGP working party told doctors that deaths could be avoided by "better recognition and assessment, better management, patient education and prompt and energetic treatment."

Dr Philip Lieberman, president of the US Allergy and Immunology Academy, suggests that during this "silent" late stage, lung cells may be "hypersensitive" to other possible triggers, such as the weather, fumes or unusual odours, for days or weeks.

Further, the airways may also be less responsive to the asthma patients' usual drugs. Patients take their dilators during an initial attack and believe that all is well. But, in the throes of a late-phase attack, they keep on puffing at the drugs when they should be seeking gravity of an attack.

A simple two-minute test to measure the air patients are able to push out of their lungs would enable them to assess the situation, but often is not given," Dr Franklin says.

Dr Cochrane agrees: "Patients should be helped to take more responsibility themselves." Many more could be given "peak flow meters," so they could regularly assess the maximum "push" from their lungs themselves. These meters, which cost between £7 and £10, could give patients an early-warning guide to late-stage attack.

Like heart disease, asthma is not a clear-cut ailment with a single cause, and there is unlikely to be a simple way of cutting the death toll. But many specialists feel, Dr Cochrane among them, that the time has come for special individual inquiries into many of these extra deaths.



Growing pollution is a possible cause in the increase of asthma in the Western world.

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Capital spending expected to rise to record levels

Economists question benefits of US investment boom

NEW YORK, July 30, (Reuters): US businesses are pouring millions of dollars into new plant and equipment but some economists question whether the investment boom will significantly improve productivity.

Capital spending this year is expected to rise to record levels because of a lower dollar and an export surge but much of the money is being spent on office and telecommunications equipment, they argue.

They doubt whether such investment will boost productivity greatly among manufac-

turers or in the economy as a whole.

And bureaucratic inefficiency in big corporations hampers internal communication which could spur productive innovations, they believe.

"The outlook for manufacturing productivity is okay, but I wouldn't say it's extraordinary," said Stephen Roach, senior economist at Morgan Stanley and Co. Inc.

US productivity has risen in recent years but some of that growth has been caused by plant closures and job cuts in such

industries as steel, which have also lowered overall output. The rise has been patchy and the US growth rate has trailed that of some of its trading partners.

Trend

"We should be happy that things are better. But while we're not out of the woods," said Michael Porter, a Harvard Business School professor and a member of the Council on Competitiveness, comprising business and union leaders and academics. "We're not in the

lead."

The council last month issued an index showing that US manufacturing productivity gains had lagged behind those of other big industrialised countries since 1972.

The council said that because the US productivity rate was lagging, its once huge advantage in productivity had almost disappeared.

Japan's manufacturing productivity index has increased eight times faster than that of the United States and West Germany's has risen three times fas-

ter, the report said. Productivity among the top seven industrial countries on average has grown more than four times as quickly.

Plant

The US Commerce Department said last month spending on new plant and equipment was expected to increase by 11.9 per cent this year to a record \$435.18 billion but some economists doubt whether this will improve productivity significantly.

According to one, nearly 60 percent of the 12.5 per cent rise in spending in the year up to June was spent on office and telecom-

munications equipment and on computers.

Daniel Burton, vice-president of the Council on Competitiveness, said: "We can't count on closing down inefficient plants and operations to boost growth in the future."

In the case of the steel industry, productivity rose but output decreased. The number of man-hours required to produce and ship a ton of steel in the United States fell by more than 30 per cent between 1981 and 1987, data from the American Iron and Steel Institute shows.

Japan's current account surplus rises

TOKYO, July 30, (AP): Japan posted a current account surplus of \$6.43 billion in June, up 11 per cent from the previous month but down 14 per cent from the same month last year, the finance ministry announced today.

In May, Japan's current account surplus totalled \$5.79 billion, while in June 1987 it registered 7.5 billion.

The current account is the broadest measure of a country's commerce, measuring trade in goods and services as well as other capital flows.

Ministry officials said imports continued to rise sharply during the month. But they said exports also increased, continuing the double-digit rise that began last November despite the higher value of the Japanese yen.

Strong

The officials said demand remained strong for Japanese products in other countries, including the United States.

"The US economy has been doing very well and that is one of the major reasons for this increase, despite the yen's appreciation," one official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A higher yen makes Japanese products more expensive and therefore less competitive overseas.

The officials said demand remained especially high for Japanese items such as automobiles, steel, semi-conductors and business machines.

Japanese imports have been growing because of strong domestic demand resulting from Japan's current economic expansion and because of the higher yen, which tends to reduce the cost of foreign products.

Barter deal to settle Syria's \$40m Jordan debt

AMMAN, July 30, (Reuters): Syria has agreed to give Jordan barley, vegetables, glass and cotton to cover a \$40-million trade debt, a senior official told Reuters today.

Cash-strapped Syria has agreed to export raw and processed cotton, lentils, vegetables, cotton and glass to Jordan to clear the five-year old debts, the Jordanian official said.

A trade ministry source said the kingdom would re-export the Syrian goods to pay a number of public shareholding companies who had offered services to Damascus before the crisis.

These included the Royal Jordanian Airline and organisations in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, transport and mining, he said.

A Jordanian delegation, led by Trade Ministry general secretary Mohammad Al-Saqqaq, reached agreement on closing the debt during a visit to Damascus last week, the sources said.

Plan to exploit gas reserves

DHAKA, July 30, (OPECNA): Bangladesh is planning to exploit its huge natural gas reserves to make cheap energy available to the people.

With a population of 108 million, it is estimated to have natural gasants of 270 million tonnes of oil equivalent.

Increased use of natural gas saved the country about \$400 million in oil imports last year. Gas is now used in seven electricity generating plants and at 37 tea plantations.

In 1974, locally-produced gas met 31 per cent of the country's energy requirements and the government is planning to increase the figure to 60 per cent in 1990.

Bangladesh is receiving financial assistance from Western countries and international credit agencies for gas prospecting in its low-lying delta countryside. According to officials, about \$1 billion has been spent so far on exploration and transmission systems.

Deutsche Bank facility aims to expand currency swaps

LONDON, July 30: A new facility by Deutsche Bank AG will enable the World Bank to arrange currency swaps with European entities that would not have been permitted previously under the agency's stringent credit-risk guidelines, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Deutsche Bank in effect will act as guarantor for counterparties in swaps arranged for the World Bank. Deutsche Bank won't necessarily act as intermediary in the swap arrangement but if the counterparty defaults, Deutsche Bank will be committed to either provide an equivalent replacement swap or pay the World Bank the market value of the swap.

Facility

The facility, which World Bank and Deutsche Bank officials said took about 1 1/2 years to negotiate, will cover currency swaps with European counterparties of as much as \$1 billion maturing in as long as 10 years.

The World Bank has awarded

Deutsche Bank the exclusive right for three years to the facility covering World Bank swaps with European institutions.

The World Bank last year had a similar arrangement covering swaps with US counterparties through Aetna Life & Casualty Co. of the US. But this programme is no longer in place because Aetna withdrew from insuring financial transactions following the October stock-market crash, according to World Bank Chief Financial Officer Deborah S. Farrell. She said the bank plans to set up a new swap-guarantee facility in the US and has been holding talks with insurance companies and banks there.

Guidelines

World Bank internal guidelines restrict prospective swap counterparties to corporations or public entities with a triple-A or equivalent rating, sovereign borrowers with double-A or triple-A ratings, or commercial banks to suitable size and

credit-worthiness. Most European companies do not have credit ratings and thus were previously ineligible as swap counterparties for the World Bank.

The new facility will "allow us to do transactions we were unable to do before," by providing "counterparty diversification," said a World Bank official. The facility also is expected to protect the bank from a likely increase in the cost of arranging swap facilities, as fees rise to finance higher capital-reserve costs.

Recent draft guidelines compiled by the Basel Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices, chaired by Peter Cooke, are intended to standardise bank capital-adequacy requirements in the Group of 10 industrialised countries and Luxembourg. No date has been set for implementation of the rules, under the jurisdiction of the Bank for International Settlements, but they are expected to require financial institutions to set aside reserves

against off-balance-sheet liabilities, including swaps.

Because of the likely increase in reserve costs, some banks may welcome the option of the Deutsche Bank facility, which will allow them to arrange the swap transaction without having to take on the responsibility of an intermediary, according to Alexander von Ungern-Sternberg, Deutsche Bank senior vice president. As an intermediary, a bank accepts the credit risk of the swap parties.

But according to Colin Ball, an associate at Morgan Stanley International in London, increased capital-ratio costs are unlikely to have a large impact on the cost of swap facilities. Any increase "is already priced into facility fees," he said.

Banks aren't obliged to act as intermediaries when setting up a swap transaction, but in the vast majority of cases they do, according to Ball. Nevertheless, the prospect of stricter capital-adequacy requirements is encouraging banks to get swap

liabilities off their books. Usually, this is done by selling the swap on to another party.

Ball said the Deutsche Bank facility, labelled a "contingent swap facility," need only be applied if the arranging banks are unwilling to stand as intermediaries or do not have the necessary credit standing.

Capital

The capital reserve costs of this arrangement to Deutsche Bank currently aren't clear, says von Ungern-Sternberg. He expects that Deutsche Bank will have to set aside capital against the swap counterparty risk but not against the World Bank.

According to market sources, the risk to Deutsche Bank is low because there is no known history of default on any swap transaction. A World Bank official said this presented some legal difficulties in setting up the programme because "there is no case law establishing swap obligations."

Competition getting tougher, says the bank chief

Midland revives with £313m interim profit

LONDON, July 30: Midland Bank has announced its first dividend increase since 1985 after racing back into the black with interim pre-tax profits of £131 million compared with a £655 million loss after special bad debt provisions last year, according to The Times.

The result to June 30 was in the middle of City expectations, but still proved to be a 25 per cent increase on last year's figure if the special provisions are excluded. The interim dividend rises by 10 pence, from 8.6p to 9.5p.

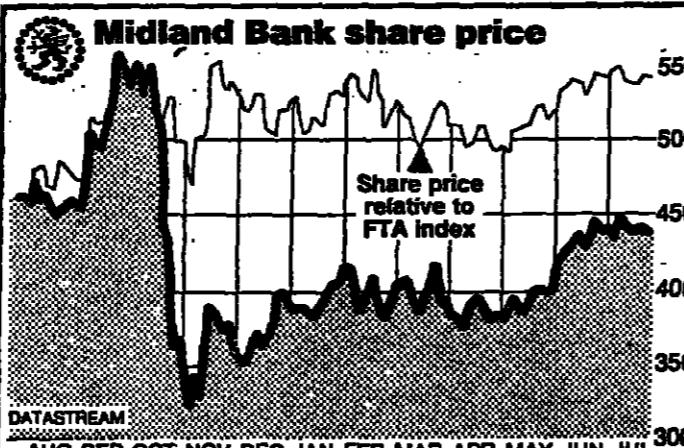
The profit advance was mainly due to strong growth in domestic banking where profits rose 21 per cent from £211 million to £257 million.

Since launching its specialised corporate banking service six months ago it had attracted 500 clients from competitors. Net interest margins remained unchanged from last year at 5.1 per cent despite increasingly competitive conditions, while provisions against bad debts in Britain fell sharply to 1.4 percent of British lending.

Losses

Profits from Midland Montagu, the investment banking and treasury division, shot up from £2 million to £63 million, reflecting lower losses from the closure last year of the equity broking and market-making operation.

Sir Kit McMahon, chairman and chief executive, said the results were very satisfactory and that the bank's capital ratios were strong.



The competition is tough and getting tougher, Sir Kit added.

Under new international capital requirements, Midland's risk asset ratio is about 11 per cent, against the 8 per cent minimum.

Provisions against Third World debt increased only slightly to a total of 31 per cent of loans, which Sir Kit said was adequate. More than \$40 million in interest still owed by Brazil and Argentina could be paid back before the end of this year, although the improving situation with Brazil was offset by a worsening position in Argentina.

"We will certainly be supporting the new Brazilian debt rescheduling package," he said.

Occasionally, Midland Bank shareholders have something to celebrate. On Wednesday the bank raised its dividend for only

the second time since 1982 on profit results which show it to be doing quite nicely.

The 21 per cent increase in British banking profits was a creditable performance, suggesting that Midland is finally getting its policies right. It seems to be holding its own against the building society onslaught on current accounts and is making inroads into the middle corporate market.

Provision

Whether Midland is gaining any competitive edge by beating down its traditional high cost ratio is more questionable. Its cost cutting programme is proceeding slowly. An 11 per cent increase in costs is too high, although not as big as NatWest's, yet much of this appears to have gone into computers and

other technology so the benefits may show through in future years.

Which leaves Third World debt. Midland's marginal provision increase keeps it in line with the other banks and, paradoxically, it could benefit handsomely by the end of the year if Brazil and Argentina pay back interest still owing. On the other hand, it may not — hence some of the caution in the stock market.

So what comes next? More of the same. Midland has finally hammered out policies and a corporate structure that seem to work reasonably well.

The bank now is to fatten up the bank over the next two years to as strong as possible from which to negotiate a merger with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Goodman

'confident' on bid

SYDNEY, July 30, (Reuters): Goodman Fielder, the Australian food-group, is confident its hostile bid for Rank Hovis McDougall will succeed, its managing director, Duncan McDonald, said.

The 465p-a-share offer, which values Rank at £1.7 billion, has been criticised as too low by analysts and some MPs have said the bid should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Goodman Fielder believes its offer price is a "full one" and is confident the bid will succeed, McDonald said in a television interview. He denied Goodman Fielder was being inflexible by refusing to raise the bid unless there was a counter offer. It has just under 30 per cent of Rank's shares.

The Rank share price has risen above the offer price to as high as 480p. Yesterday it closed at 467.5p. Analysts have said the offer does not reflect the company's true value and is too low given Rank's projected earnings of about £1.4 billion.

McDonald said it was hypothetical to comment on whether his firm would sell out if there were a counter-bid. Goodman Fielder had considered acquiring Rank for a long time, and did not take stakes in firms just to sell out. Rank's board has attacked the bid for being highly leveraged.

Goodman Fielder has arranged funding for its bid in the form of a one-for-five rights issue, a seven-year multi-currency loan and a Euro-convertible note issue.

BHP cancels Bell buy-back shares

MELBOURNE, July 30, (Reuters): Shareholders in The Broken Hill Pty Co received the last significant trace of Robert Holmes a Court in their company when they approved cancellation of 300 million BHP shares.

An extraordinary meeting voted overwhelmingly to cancel the shares, which were bought by BHP from Holmes a Court's Bell Resources for Aus \$2.1 billion (£972 million). Sir James Balderstone, BHP's chairman, called the cancellation "a closing chapter" in a restructuring of BHP's share register that was precipitated by Holmes a Court's cash flow problems after the stock market slump.

Takeover

Holmes a Court had made four BHP takeover attempts in five years before the October crash, which left Bell with a heavily leveraged 30 per cent stake in BHP, opposing Elders IXL with 20 per cent. Bell's stake was seen as overhanging the market.

Holmes a Court

BHP bought two thirds of Holmes a Court's stake and entered a venture with Elders to hold the Elders stake at arm's length.

The cancellation, which is subject to court approval, was necessary to comply with laws requiring firms to sell their own stock within 12 months of a buy-back.

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Egypt and Jordan agree on \$250m trade deal

AMMAN, July 30, (Reuters): Egypt and Jordan agreed a \$250 million trade deal today in which Jordan will account for nearly half the value, a senior Jordanian official said. The official, who asked not to be identified, told reporters the agreement would be signed tomorrow at the end of two days of economic co-operation talks between visiting Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki and his Jordanian counterpart Zeid Al Rifai. The deal includes a \$10 million barter agreement under which Jordan will swap one million tonnes of cement and raw materials for detergents, wool and glass for aluminium, ammonia nitrate, rice, cotton and clothes from Egypt. World prices would be the basis for the exchange of goods. The official said private sector trade accounted for \$100 million of the deal, which would maintain the volume of trade at the same level as last year. The state run news agency Petra said a Jordanian-Egyptian committee also discussed ventures planned by a joint investment holding company in tourism, livestock, meat, fishing and canning. The committee discussed means of improving co-operation in agriculture, trade, transport, education, mining, health, telecommunications and tourism. It has held eight rounds of talks since it was set up in 1984 after Jordan renewed diplomatic ties with Egypt. Along with most

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Alshall stock price indices

Share prices turn mixed

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 46.22 points with an increase of 2.41 points over last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 50.37 points with an increase of 0.43 points for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 31.86 million shares at a daily average of 31.86 million shares (one-day trading only) with an increase of 23.4 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 25.82 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 9.28 million shares at a daily average of 9.28 million shares with an increase of 1.6 per cent last week's daily average of 9.43 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD31.85 million at a daily average of KD31.85 million, an increase of 7.3 per cent over last week's daily average of KD 7.929 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD0.738 million at a daily average of KD0.738 million a decrease of 13 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.348 million.

Because of Eid Al Adha holiday the performance of this week is not very indicative as it covered only one day of activity, although it was more in the active side particularly to Kuwaiti shares.

The banking sector dominated trading at 79 per cent of total trading, followed by services sector at 7.4 per cent and investment sector 6 per cent.

As for the Gulf shares market, the financial sector, although decline, is still having the lead of total traded shares at 74 per cent with Coast Investment and Development Company resuming the lead at 50 per cent of the total Gulf shares market, followed by Ras Al Khaima White Cement at 21.5 per cent then Bahrain International Bank at 16 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday	Wednesday	Change
	27/07/88	20/07/88	points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	115.66	105.51	10.15
The Gulf Bank	38.95	36.46	2.49
The Commercial Bank	30.92	28.31	2.61
Al Ahli Bank	42.77	39.4	3.36
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	37.71	36.84	0.88
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Sector Index	53.54	49.63	3.91
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	34.89	34.53	0.37
Kuwait Int. Inv. Co.	31.27	30.93	0.34
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	92.06	90.48	1.59
IFA	80.88	80.88	—
Commercial Facilities	122.50	122.50	—
Sector Index	45.15	44.82	0.33
Insurance Sector			
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Gulf Insurance Co.	26.92	26.92	—
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Sector Index	41.15	41.15	—
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	31.10	29.82	1.27
United Realty	12.96	12.51	0.45
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Industrial Sector			
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Gulf Cables	110.04	110.04	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	105.78	96.89	8.89
Sector Index	36.50	36.08	0.41
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Kuwait Computer Co.	207.36	205.20	2.16
Kuwaiti Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
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Aouita speeds to easy 1,000m win

EDINBURGH, July 30, (Reuter): Said Aouita overcame a chilly night, gusting wind and the challenge of Briton Tom McKeon to sweep to victory in the 1,000 metres at the Edinburgh Grand Prix athletics meeting last night.

The Moroccan Olympic and world 5,000 metres champion again demonstrated his astonishing versatility over a variety of distances with his fifth consecutive victory in as many Grand Prix meetings.

Sheltering behind Australian pacemaker Peter Stubbs, Aouita went through the bell 15 metres clear of Briton David Sharpe.

Impression.

McKeon, the European 800 metres silver medalist who has looked impressively sharp this season, tried to claw his way back into the race but could make no impression on the flying Moroccan.

Aouita strode across the finish line in a time of two minutes 18.32 seconds while Sharpe, the European indoor 800 metres champion, snatched back second place from McKeon to clock 2:19.89. McKeon who seemed to be struggling in the straight, was third in 2:20.30.

Aouita did not appear for the scheduled news conference but in a brief chat with meeting officials confirmed what every spectator in the stadium already knew when he said that it had been very cold.

He also confirmed that he definitely planned to run both



Aouita (No. 1) heads for the finish line. (Reuter wirephoto)

the 800 and 1,500 metres in the Seoul Olympics.

McKeon did speak at some length but was little more forthcoming.

The Scot said he was disappointed at not being able to pick up the pace but added that for him the season really started with

next week's British trials.

World bronze medallist Colia Jackson gave one glimpse of what the trials might hold when he raced to victory in the 110 metres hurdles.

Jackson, helped by a following wind of 3.31 metres a second, clocked 13.21 seconds to finish

well clear of fellow-Briton Tony Jarrett who finished in 13.35.

Britain's world silver medallist Jon Ridgson got a good start but faded to finish third in 13.45.

American Dennis Mitchell, who arrived in Edinburgh thinking he was to run in a 100 metres race, found instead to his astonishment that he had been asked to run one of two 110 metres handicaps races.

But fellow-Romanian Marica Puica, the Olympic 3,000 metres champion, was one of a number of late defections.

Romanian officials said the 38-year-old Puica had decided to stay home and concentrate on her training.

Harry "Butch" Reynolds, fastest man ever over 400 metres at sea level, won his race as expected in 45.26 seconds.

The American ran a conservative first 200 then smoothly turned on the power to win with consummate ease.

Danny Harris, the Olympic and world silver medalist who failed to make this year's US Olympic team, gave a smooth and stylish exhibition of 400 metres hurdling in the second track event of the evening.

Harris conserved his energy on the back straight, then accelerated in the final stretch to win in 49.59 seconds. Jamaican Wintrop Graham was second in 50.10.

Danette Young, yet another talented American sprinter who failed to make the team for Seoul, made no contest of the women's 200 metres when she sped to victory in 22.50 seconds.

Young, helped by a following wind of 3.73 metres, was well clear of Briton Paula Dunn who clocked 23.10.

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who arrived in Edinburgh thinking he was to run in a 100 metres race, found instead to his astonishment that he had been asked to run one of two 110 metres handicaps races.

Mitchell, starting from scratch, did not appear to be trying and managed only fifth place.

The American, who finished second in the 100 metres in the US trials to Olympic champion Carl Lewis, was also outdone by Briton Linford Christie in what seemed an unofficial competition.

Mitchell wore a white top and black tights to combat the cold wind while Christie flaunted a spectacular bright red body suit.

Scratch

Christie, the European 100 champion, also running off scratch, finished second in his race.

Not all the Olympic medal contenders had a happy meet, however.

Olympic women's javelin champion Tessa Sanderson left the arena in tears after managing only three throws because of an Achilles tendon injury.

Her best of 60.08 metres (19 feet) was enough to give her third place behind Hungary's Katafai Hartai who was well short of the 51.70 (235) she threw two weeks ago to give her the second best in the world this year.



Astafei raises her arms in the air after setting the record. (Reuter wirephoto)

Romanian breaks own world high jump mark

SUDBURY, Ontario, July 30, (Reuter): Galina Astafei of Romania may have earned a trip to the Olympics by breaking her high jump record yesterday, but East German women continued to dominate the World Junior Championships.

East German Gisela Breuer outkicked fading American Maile Malone over the last 50 metres to win the women's 400 metres in 51.24 seconds. Malone was second in 52.23.

Heat

Breuer's teammate Birthe Brubach, holder of the 800-metre world junior record of 1:59.17, easily won the event in 2:00.67 in heat that reached 30 degrees Celsius.

Catalina Gheorghiu of Romania was second in 2:01.96.

Anton Axmann won the third gold medal of the day for East German when she edged out Belgium's Ann Maenhout in the 400-metre hurdles with a winning time of 57.47 seconds.

Axmann took the gold medal

with a leap of 2.00 metres on her first jump, breaking her previous world junior mark of 1.98, which was equalled by Elena Elesina of the Soviet Union, who captured the silver. East German Karin Scholz was third with a jump of 1.92 metres.

Lift

Astafei tried to better her new standard, but failed in three attempts at 2.02 metres.

Astafei, 19, said Romanian athletes officials told her she might earn a trip to Seoul if she cleared two metres.

"If I go to the Olympics I will need to improve my technique over the bar and need to get a better lift off after my approach run," Astafei said.

Jonah Birir of Kenya outpaced Britain's Kevin McKay to take the men's 800-metres in 1:50.03. McKay, who had taken the lead from Birir at the 700-metre mark, wilted down the straight and finished in 1:50.79. Melfort Homels of Zimbabwe was third.

Tigers 3, Rangers 2

Rangers 2, Tigers 1

Alan Trammell's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth

inning gave Detroit the victory in the first game of its doubleheader with Texas. The Rangers took the nightcap behind the four-hit pitching of Bobby Witt.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 1

Jeff Musselman scattered six hits in 7 2-3 innings and Fred McGriff had three RBI with a two-run homer and a sacrifice fly to lead Toronto.

Indians 7, Twins 0

Cleveland's Greg Swindell pitched a five-hitter, retiring 19 straight batters during one span, and Ron Kittle and Joe Carter hit two-run homers. Bert Blyleven slammed his glove and hat against the dugout bench after giving up Kittle's 14th homer, a two-run shot in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Royals 6, Orioles 2

Bret Saberhagen allowed three hits in seven innings to win for the first time in six starts and George Brett and Bo Jackson homered as Kansas City snapped a four-game losing streak. Jackson gave the Royals a 6-1 lead in the fourth with a three-run homer, his 14th of the season.

Angels 4, White Sox 2

Thad Bosley went 3-for-3 and drove in a pair of runs with a double and a tie-breaking sacrifice fly as California reached the .500 mark for the first time since April 18. Willie Fraser, 7-10, pitched 6 2-3 innings, allowing five hits, walking three and striking out four.

Mariners 5, Athletics 3

Steve Balboni hit a three-run homer off Oakland relief ace Dennis Eckersley with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning as Seattle snapped a five-game losing streak. Jose Canseco had tied the game in the sixth for Oakland with his Major-League leading 27th home run, a two-run shot that scored Dave Henderson, his 14th.

Cubs 8, Phillies 3

Vance Law drove in four runs on two homers and Rick Sutcliffe ended a personal four-game losing streak. Andrew Dawson went 2-for-4, giving him 17 hits in his last 29 at-bats and making him 14-for-26 against the Phillies this year.

Cardinals 7, Expos 5

Tony Pena hit a two-run homer and Willie McGee had four hits and stole three bases as St. Louis snapped Montreal's five-game winning streak. John DeLeon, 7-8, allowed nine hits in 8 1-3 innings, striking out eight and walking three.

Giants 5, Braves 3

Mike Scott pitched a six-hitter and Buddy Bell had three hits and drove in two runs as Houston trimmed the Dodgers' lead to 4 1-2 games in the National League West.

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Red Sox 10, Yankees 7

It is not the first time Honeyghan, whose record is now 33-1, has been involved in a controversial end to a title fight. Last October he lost his WBC title to Mexican Jorge Vaca after a bout opened up a cut on his opponent's head which resulted in the bout being stopped in the 10th round.

As Vaca was ahead on the judges' scorecards, he was awarded the title which he held until March when Honeyghan stopped him in three rounds to reclaim his crown.

"I don't think the punch was as hard as he made out," said Honeyghan, who was leading on the three judges' cards at the time. "As I was coming up, he held my head down, so there was no leverage."

"I think he was pretending, trying to get me disqualified ... it's a bad way for him to try to win. I've been caught (in the groin) in sparring and it's no big deal. You just carry on instead of rolling all over."

Honeyghan said: "I don't call this boxing. This is street fighting."

Montana set to stamp his authority

Dolphins' Michel James hangs on to the ball in the air while 49er's Chet Brooks tries to get it during yesterday's practice. (Reuter wirephoto)

long as possible, despite the obvious risks.

"I like to take it year by year but I figure on playing for another three or four years, longer if I can," he said.

Passing

Montana, who fought back from the brink of retirement to clinch his first passing title last year, countered: "There's always been that kind of competition in this game. Players seem to be getting younger, fitter and faster."

"But I'm confident I can still do the job," he warned Young, Marino, the Dolphins and the rest of the NFL.

And he added: "Sunday's game is as important to us as it is to the fans here. It's our first chance to get into game situations. We want to perform well — but the most important thing is to win."

Kenwood Cup

HONOLULU, July 30, (AP): America's Cup skipper Dennis Conner got off to the best start, but Rod Muir's Windward Passage II of Australia sailed to victory in the first of the Kenwood Cup's two maxi championship races.

The opposing syndicates plan to meet next week to iron out details for the impending races, a spokesman for the Sail America Foundation, which is managing the Cup defence for the San Diego Yacht Club, said.

Long distance racing

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America's Cup to start on September 7

SAN DIEGO, July 30, (Reuter): The San Diego Yacht Club announced yesterday that they will begin their defence of the America's Cup against New Zealand on September 7 with the next two races to be held on September 9 and 11.

The dates of the event, which must be minimum best-of-three races, represents a rare agreement between the Cup holders and the New Zealand challengers.

Michael Fay, who heads the syndicate from New Zealand's

Understudy

It will also give 31-year-old Montana the chance to prove he is not his highly-regarded understudy Steve Young, is the man to steer the 49ers towards their third Super Bowl victory in January.

Montana has only recently recovered from elbow surgery and was nearly forced to quit the game two years ago after a back operation.

But Montana, voted the Most Valuable Player when the 49ers routed the Dolphins in the last Super Bowl success in 1985, is determined to continue riding the bone-crushing tackles for as

Pargat and Thoiba help India tame Pakistan

NEW DELHI, July 30, (Reuter): A three-goal burst in four minutes during the first half by Pargat Singh and Thoiba Singh thrust India's resurgent hockey team to a 3-2 victory over Olympic champions Pakistan today.

It was India's third successive win over their great rivals since they twice beat Pakistan in

month — and lifted their confidence at the start of a six-Test series between the teams.

Exchanges

The matches are designed as a warm-up for the forthcoming Seoul Olympics, and the Indians soon showed the 15,000-strong crowd they had put a long spell in the doldrums behind them as they dominated the early exchanges.

Pargat Singh rattled home a penalty corner in the 24th minute, and two minutes later left-winger Thoiba Singh cracked home another from just inside the circle. After 28 minutes, he latched onto a measured, scooped pass, swivelled inside a Pakistan defender, and fired in an

SPORTS BRIEFS

Noah defeated

BORDEAUX, France, July 30. (AP): Haiti's Ronald Agenor beat Yannick Noah today to gain the final of the \$245,000 Bordeaux Grand Prix passing shot men's tennis tournament. Agenor, who resides in Bordeaux, reeled off five games in a row in the final set to defeat the Frenchman, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Noah was the No. 1 seed in the tournament while Agenor was fifth-seed.

Yugoslav squad

BELGRADE, July 30. (UPI): Yugoslavia will be represented by 157 athletes at the Seoul Olympics. They will compete in 21 different sports. Strong teams in men's and women's basketball, handball and water polo make a large part of the athlete contingent.

Volleyball tourney

KREMENCO Volleyball Club is organizing a volleyball tournament for Indians. The tournament is scheduled to start on Sept. 2, 1988. Indian teams interested in taking part in the tournament should contact Biju Chacko, Tel 3262888, ext 2242 or P.K. Rajan on the same number, ext 2855.

Nabisco GP

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, July 30. (AP): Top-seeded Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina and Spain's Emilio Sanchez, the No. 2 seed in the \$150,000 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament, advanced to the title match with semifinal victories today.

Mike Conley

FAYETTEVILLE, Arkansas, July 30. (AP): Mike Conley, a silver medalist in the Los Angeles Olympic Games, has hired an attorney to protest the measurement of his final triple jump attempt at last week's US Olympic track and field trials.

Princess Anne

NEWMARKET, England, July 30. (AP): The Princess Royal rode her fourth winner on the flat when partnering Vixoria to victory today in the Brooke Bond Coffee Cup race at Newmarket. The princess, Queen Elizabeth II's daughter Anne, was always prominent on her mount, trained by Barry Hills, and only needed to ride out with hands and heels to beat Tajroba by a comfortable two-and-a-half lengths.

World record

MOSCOW, July 30. (Reuter): Mikhail Shchennikov of the Soviet Union set a world record in the 20-km road walk at an athletics meeting in Kiev today. Shchennikov clocked one hour 19 minutes eight seconds to beat the previous mark of 1:19:12 held by Axel Noack of East Germany.

Dickinson leads

BETHESDA, Md., July 30. (Reuter): Judy Dickinson shot a four-under-par 67 yesterday and held a one-stroke lead after the first round of \$225,000 Greater Washington Open golf tournament.

Michigan Open

GRAND BLANC, Mich., July 30. (Reuter): Scott Verplank pulled out of the pack of the first round leaders to take sole possession of first place midway through the \$700,000 Michigan Open golf tournament yesterday.

PGA Classic

CONCORD, Massachusetts, July 30. (AP): Bobby Nichols, who hasn't won a Senior Tour event in three years, shot a 5-under-par 67 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the \$300,000 Digital Senior PGA Classic.

Bienna chess

BIENNE, Switzerland, July 30. (AP): Ivan Sokolov, the world's top-ranked junior chess player, held off more experienced partners to win the Bienna international grandmaster tournament.

NFL team

FOXBORO, Mass., July 30. (Reuter): Remington products owner Victor Kiam likes the name "Patriots" so much he wants to buy the National Football League (NFL) team that goes with it, his spokesman said yesterday.

Sore losers

TYRE, Lebanon, July 30. (Reuter): Sore losers in a local soccer game in south Lebanon started a gunfight after the final whistle left them 3-2 goals down, security sources said today.

They said three players of one team and one from the other were wounded in the shootout yesterday in the village of Abbasiyah, 10 km (six miles) northeast of this south Lebanese port town.

ANNAcone ELIMINATES DAVIS

Agassi struggles past Berger

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vt., July 30. (Reuter): Second seed Andre Agassi of the US shook off a second set concentration lapse to defeat Davis Cup teammate Jay Berger 6-1 1-6 6-3 at the \$602,500 international tennis tournament yesterday.

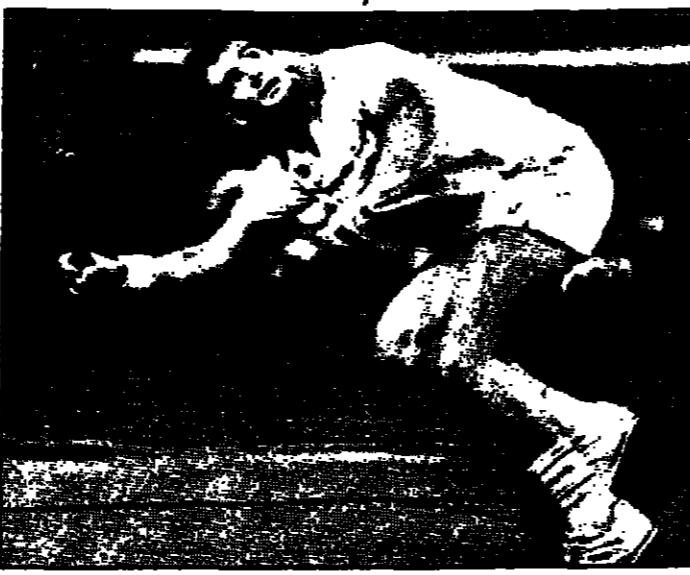
Agassi advanced to the semifinals with his victory over the No. 10 seeded Berger. The 18-year-old with the rocket forehand was to face compatriot Dan Goldie this evening.

Distance

Goldie, the 12th seed, ousted unseeded compatriot Jim Courier 6-4 6-6 4-6 on a day when all four quarterfinal matches went the distance.

The other semifinal was to pit ninth-seeded Australian Darren Cahill, the only non-American left in the draw, against 13th seed Paul Annacone.

Annacone eliminated fellow-American Marty Davis 6-4 6-4 6-4 and Cahill was a 6-3 6-4 6-4 winner over Bahamian Roger Smith, who shocked world number one Ivan Lendl in the second



Annacone: taken to three sets round.

Agassi, ranked fifth in the world, looked as if he would win the match with ease as he overpowered Berger and jumped out to a 3-0 lead in just 12 minutes. He won three of the next four games

in the same comfortable fashion, but Berger took full advantage of a second set let down.

"Nobody can play two straight sets like Andre did where he hit winner after winner after winner. I was counting on that."

Berger said,

"I still felt strong in the second set," Agassi said, "but I lost my concentration."

In the third set, Agassi went back to his power game moving Berger from corner to corner as he set up the 10th seed and consistently put him away by blasting forehand winners.

Berger said that while he is impressed with Agassi's fast rise to the top, his own timetable is different.

"I'm looking to peak at 23 or 24 (years old). I haven't even come close to reaching my peak, but being 36th in the world isn't bad. Being 36th in the world is anything isn't bad," he said.

Annacone said the ups and downs of his quarterfinal match reflected the unevenness of Davis' service returns.

"I don't think Marty hit a service return in the court until the second set," said Annacone. "Then he finally did hit it back in and I wasn't mentally sharp. But I can't be too harsh on myself. I won."

Maleeva and Graf reach Hamburg final

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 30. (Reuter): Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf and Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva disappointed spectators with mediocre displays as they eased into tomorrow's final of the Hamburg Women's Tennis Tournament today.

Graf dispatched Argentine Bettina Fulco 6-2 6-3 in a 64-minute semifinal and then admitted: "I'm not in top form."

The West German favourite for the tournament dropped her opening service but eighth-seeded Fulco failed to take advantage.

The 19-year-old Graf added after her victory: "I'm not very constant and my form is shaky."

Maleeva also struggled to find her best. She dropped the opening set against 14th seed Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia but then lost only two games in the final two sets as she won 2-6 6-1.

Maleeva was impatient, Graf said after the match. "Too often I wanted to make the point too early."

Graf, who clinched her first Wimbledon title earlier this month, bounced back into form with 6-0, 6-0 victory over Italy's Raffaella Reggi yesterday after a poor showing in her win against Yugoslavia's Sabrina Goles the day before.

Graf, who has also won the Australian and French Opens, can achieve a rare Grand Slam if she clinches the US Open, which starts Aug. 29.

132 in just over three hours. It was his sixth 100 of the season and 30th of his career.



Matthew Maynard

the second Test at Old Trafford, is added to the squad.

Should Lamb fail a fitness check next week, England will be left depending heavily on Graham Gooch's experience to see the newcomers through.

White Barnett and Maynard, should he play, will be having their first experience in the Test arena. Gooch's opening partner Tim Curtis and middle-order batsman Robin Smith will be making only their second appearances.

Chairman Peter May and his other selectors admitted the young line-up might appear "a bit inexperienced but we are determined to look at them when they are thrown in at the deep end."

In fact, with Mike Gatting yesterday declaring himself unavailable for Test cricket until next year and Gower clearly out of form, May and company had little option.

A further blow to England's hopes came with the news that fast bowler Graham Dilley might not be fit for the Test.



Kim Barnett

Dilley pulled out of Worcestershire's county championship game with Northamptonshire suffering from a stress condition affecting his right knee, a problem that has dogged him all season.

England squad: Chris Cowdrey (captain), Kim Barnett, John Childs, Tim Curtis, Graham Dilley, Neil Foster, Graham Gooch, Alastair Lamb, Matthew Maynard, Derek Pringle, Jack Richards (wicketkeeper), Gladstone Small, Robin Smith.

Maynard, who learnt of his selection after scoring 68 in a county championship match against Sussex at Eastbourne, said: "I only made a 12 when I faced the West Indian attack earlier in the season and didn't bat for long - but fast bowling doesn't worry me."

Maynard, who averages 42.51 in first-class cricket this season, added: "I feel in good nick and was pleased with my knock today, but I just can't seem to put the big innings together at the moment."

West Indies players slam Essex for 378

CHELMSFORD, England, July 30. (Reuter): Fast bowler Malcolm Marshall showed he can be equally devastating as a batsman with a whirlwind 76 during a run sprint by the West Indian cricketers against Essex today.

Marshall, England's tormentor with 31 wickets in the first four tests of the current series, opener Gordon Greenidge (81) and Lord Arthur (101 not out) played the major innings as the touring team made 378 all out.

Essex, whose beleaguered attack included two bowlers in England's squad for next week's fifth and final Test, Derek Pringle and John Childs, were eight for one at the close of the first day of the three-day match.

Severe

Marshall, who lashed his runs in 89 balls, was especially severe on left-arm spinner Childs, once hitting him for 14 runs in three deliveries.

The Barbadian fast bowler, who added 110 for the sixth wicket with Arthurton, completed his half century in 64 balls and hit a total of three sixes and eight fours.

Such was the ferocity of Marshall's assault that Greenidge and Arthurton were made to look almost pedestrian, even though they scored rapidly with a sequence of powerful and handsome strokes.

Greenidge, who missed the fourth Test with a neck injury, confirmed his fitness for the last match at the Oval by looking completely at ease during an innings in which he faced 151 balls and struck one six and 12 fours.

In the other matches played on Friday, Al Ghani and Gooch finished Atlas International Corporation 4-0, Mobil Oil and Kuwait Airways scored similar wins over Kabayan Restaurant and Kuwait Regency Palace respectively, and Oriental Trading-Diplomats edged past Al Nakeds 3-1.

Award

Oriental Trading finished the tournament as first runner-up, followed by Mobil Oil and Al Ghani Freight. The other positions were as follows:

Kuwait Airways 5th, Al Nakeds 7th, Atlas 8th, Public Ports Authority (Shuaiba) 9th, Kabayan 10th and Kuwait Regency Palace 11th.

The Rookie Bowler award was taken by Ric Belen, Jimmy Tadene got a prize for the High Game, Rudy Zablan topped in the High Series and Rico Pino finished on top in the High Average.

Named

In the women's division, which ended last week, Eva Sabay of Mabuhay Restaurant took most of the awards. She was named the Most Valuable Bowler and also got the top prizes for High Game, High Series and High Average.

The only award that which went to someone else was of Rookie Bowler given to Bevelyn Penalosa of Crown Trading Establishment. The team title had been won last week by Mabuhay Restaurant.

Commercial Bowling Tournament scheduled for next month.

Leverkusen win easily

BONN, July 30. (Reuter): Bayer Leverkusen beat Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-1 with a display of Dutch-style "total football" in the West German First Division today.

The performance marked the home League debut of new coach Rinus Michels, the man who led the Netherlands to European Championship glory.

Attack

Herbert Waas and Christian Schreier scored in the 10th and 31st minutes respectively as UEFA Cup-holders Leverkusen kept up almost non-stop attack in the first half.

Substitute Hans-Joerg Criesen headed a consolation goal for Moenchengladbach on the hour but Polish striker Marek Lesniak hit his first Bundesliga goal nine minutes later to make Leverkusen

play on.

Results

Leverkusen 3 B. M. Gladbach 1

Karlsruhe 1 E. Frankfurt 2

Buchum 0 St. Pauli 0

Nuremberg 0 Cologne 2

B. Uerdingen 0 W. F. Braunschweig 0

Kaiserslautern 0 Werder Bremen 0

Hamburg 0 B. Dortmund 0

VFB Stuttgart 2 Hanover 1

Evert gets early wedding present

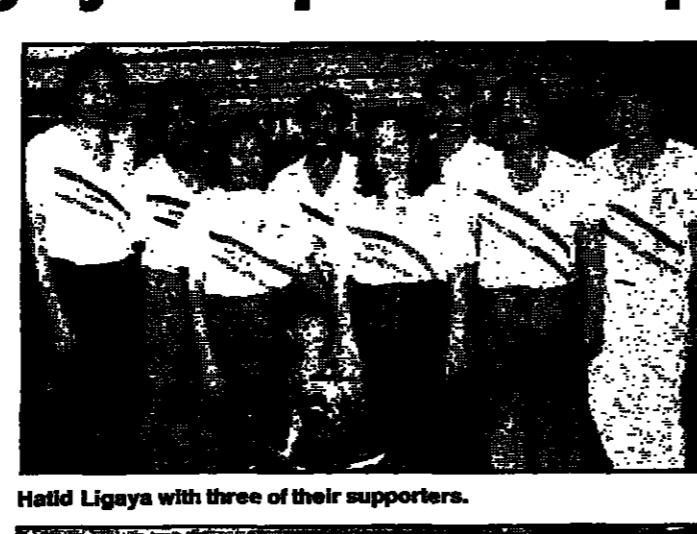
NEW YORK, July 30. (Reuter): Chris Evert, who was to be married this evening, received an early wedding present yesterday when she was nominated by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to compete at the Seoul Olympics.

Evert replaces Elise Burdin in the Olympic tennis tournament. Burdin withdrew because of a slow recovery from arthroscopic surgery on her knee earlier this year.

Married

Evert, 33, and former Olympic skier Andy Mill will be married at the Polo Club in Boca Raton, Florida. It will be the second marriage for both.

At Seoul, Evert will join Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison, who were named to the women's team last year.



Manny Inserto receives the trophy.

Manny Inserto, who averaged 179.5 for thirty games, was named the Most Valuable

Bowler for 1988. "Our strategy worked perfectly throughout the tournament,"

said Manny after his team took the trophy. He is now preparing his team for the PBAK Inter-

national Tournament scheduled for next month.

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Hatid Ligaya capture Filipino bowling tourney crown

HATID LIGAYA-ABUGHOSH INT'L (Cargomen) put up a brilliant performance in their final match against Kay & Associates on Friday to clinch the title in the men's division at the 7th Palarong Pilipino Bowling '88 at the Silver Tower Club.

The Cargomen, newcomers to the competition, finished on top of the standings with an average of 859.8 points. The Cargomen went to the top of the standings after the first week and stayed there throughout the competition.

Emerged

This is the first time in the history of this competition that a newcomer has emerged as champion and also had an unbelievable record of 36 wins. The team may be new to the tournament but the side boasts a number of veterans.